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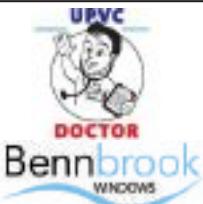
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Bishop's Stortford Christmas Fayre returns to the town this weekend

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ON THE RUN

SANTA DASH AND REINDEER RUN:
GRANGE PADDOCKS, RYE STREET, BISHOPS STORTFORD, DECEMBER 2

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PAN-TASTIC SHOW

PETER PAN: THE MAGICAL PANTOMIME ADVENTURE: HARLOW PLAYHOUSE, DECEMBER 1-31

Running all through December, Peter Pan will be gracing the Playhouse's stage every day apart from Mondays, with different viewing times available throughout the week.

The sets, costumes, live music, dance routines and magical surprises in store for the audience are sure to bring out the kid in all of us.

This well-loved classic would be a great show for all of the family.

FESTIVE SPIRIT

CHRISTMAS FAIRE: BISHOP'S STORTFORD HIGH STREET, DECEMBER 2

Along with the array of shops already situated on the High Street, this Christmas market will include a variety of gifts and crafts, even real Christmas trees and wreaths.

You'll be sure to find all the Christmas essentials you need. Bishop's Stortford Town Band will also be performing their traditional carols to add some extra spirit to the day.

PEPPA'S IN TOWN

EPPING CHRISTMAS MARKET: EPPING TOWN CENTRE, DECEMBER 1



Peter Pan is at the Harlow Playhouse all next month

A free, family-friendly event, including Christmas craft and gift stalls, food and refreshments, and many different choirs, bands and singers.

Even Peppa Pig will be visiting the High Street. The market opens at 12 and finishes at 8pm, with limited car parking around the High Street.

SANTA'S STORIES

FESTIVE STORY TIME WITH SANTA: AT AUDLEY END HOUSE AND GARDENS, DECEMBER 2-3

From 10.30am until 3pm, Santa will be telling his Christmas past tales to all who join, with visitors also getting to enjoy a Christmas treat.

Kids will also receive a small present from the man himself.

Tickets for the meet can be bought

shopping. Gifts, cakes, jewellery, toiletries and even cards are on offer. To make the day even more entertaining, there will be a grand raffle, a chance to meet Father Christmas, and also a variety of snacks and drinks to enjoy. The hall will be open 9.30am until 1pm.

ROCKY ROBINS

MEET FATHER CHRISTMAS AND HIS HELPERS: HATFIELD FOREST, NEAR BISHOP'S STORTFORD, DECEMBER 6-7

Meet Father Christmas and all of his helpers in the beautiful Hatfield Forest, and get the chance to make a Christmas Rocky Robin tree decoration to take home.

As the darkness takes over, enjoy hot chocolate and toast your own marshmallows around the campfire, under the stars.

BROWSE AND BUY

ART EXHIBITION: MUCH HADHAM VILLAGE HALL, DECEMBER 2-3

Much Hadham's annual exhibition is back this year, right in time for Christmas.

From 10am until 5pm, you can enter the hall for free, and browse the selection of members' artwork for sale. They would make perfect presents for any art lover. There will also be refreshments available for all visitors.

FLOWER POWER

MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS: EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL TRAINING ROOM, DECEMBER 4

This evening class will run from 7pm to 9pm, and is a chance for you to learn how to make a creative selection of festive Christmas floral arrangements and garlands for your home.

Dad slams 'diabolical' police over gang terrorising family

Father wants more action to halt attacks and intimidation by up to 20 teenagers

By Hannah Kane
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A FAMILY from Harlow who have been repeatedly terrorised by a gang of around 20 teenagers say police are not doing enough to prevent crime in the town.

The father, who wishes to remain anonymous, says there have been multiple instances when his two sons have been targeted by gang members and have now even found out where they live.

The 40-year-old said: "On November 2, my son and his friend went round to Colt Hatch and this gang was there and stoned them.

"They started walking over to the car trying to intimidate them. My son decided to reverse out and they came over and started hitting the car so he drove off.

Waiting

"He went to his friend's flat but they were all waiting there and some pulled out knives."

The son, who is the eldest at 25, ran inside with his friend. When they came back out, the car had been marked and windows smashed, with an X carved onto it.

"In gang terms, I believe this means that you're marked," said the father.

Initially thinking this was an isolated incident, the family began to settle back into their normal routine.

However, on November 10, his son went to the local chip shop and saw the gang members inside.

Not wanting a confrontation, he waited in his car.

Just as they were coming out of the shop, they saw him.

"They got closer to him and started getting more aggressive," said the father. "They damaged the car and put a dent in it. They smashed both the mirrors."

The police were called but the father says no statements were



The family say they are being targeted by a gang of youths

taken and despite forensics being promised, they never showed.

On November 14, the gang made their way to the family's neighbourhood. The family called the police, but the police did not arrive until three hours later.

"In the end, there were 14 of our neighbours in the street protecting us," he said. "Once the police turned up no statements were taken."

The gang approached the family home again on November 16.

"One neighbour and my younger son, who is 22, went outside to clear the air," said the father.

"My eldest saw him and ran outside.

"The gang then started to beat him up with a bat.

"They hit him six times, three times in the head. My second eldest took two blows as well.

"I feel my son is in danger and the police's handling of the whole thing is diabolical.

"There's not enough of a police presence in Harlow."

The father describes the gang to range from as little as four to 20 members at a time, aged roughly between 16 and 20.

A spokeswoman for Essex Police said: "We are investigating five separate reports of criminal

damage and assault in Harlow. Officers received a report of an assault in Spring Hills, Harlow that happened at around 10pm on Thursday, November 16.

"A man was with friends when a large group of men have approached them.

"During the incident he was hit a number of times around the head by a man with a wooden bat.

"He attended hospital with minor injuries.

"The same group have reportedly targeted the man with threatening behaviour on four previous occasions.

"A report of an assault was received earlier that evening, Thursday, November 16, in Ram Gorse, Harlow, that happened shortly before 8pm.

"A man has received verbal abuse from a group of men, aged between 16 and 24 years old while walking down the street.

"He has then driven off in his car, which has been hit by objects, including bricks and stones, thrown by the suspects.

"A report of threatening behaviour was received on Tuesday, November 14, where a group of men have shouted abuse at two men.

Damaged

"A report of criminal damage was received on Friday, November 10 where a man has had his two cars damaged by a group of six to seven men wearing masks and hoods.

"A previous report of criminal damage was received on Thursday, November 2, where suspects, unknown, have caused damage to a man's car."

Investigating officer PC Timothy Knights said: "These types of attacks are very traumatic for the victim and we are actively investigating the reports. I am overseeing this investigation and have taken a statement from the victim, am looking at CCTV in the area and due to perform house-to-house inquiries.

"Assistance from partner agencies is also being pursued as well as support from specialist officers to attend the victim's home address and give personal security and safety advice.

"If you witnessed any of these incidents or have any information, contact Harlow CPT on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

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By Michael Mutch
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A GROUP of pensioners have staged a roadside protest to raise awareness of the dangers they face when crossing a busy road in Harlow.

The elderly residents of Fountain Farm gathered on the roadside of Tawneys Road on Monday, November 20, with signs which read "Too old to run, too young to die", "I could be your nan! Please drive slowly" and "Kill your speed, not me".

Residents say they are becoming "more and more fearful by the day" due to the dangers they face when crossing the road.

It was organised after one resident, Joyce Creedon, was nearly hit by a car when attempting to cross the road a few weeks ago.

She said: "We are fearful when we cross Tawneys Road.

Travelling

"Some of our residents are quite slow and even if there are no cars coming when they set off from the pavement, there can be a number coming by the time they are in the middle of the road, meaning they have to wait while the cars pass them by and often they are travelling at quite a speed.

"We want to be able to do our own food shopping, visit the post office and collect prescriptions from the chemist for ourselves, but we are becoming more and more fearful by the day."

The protest was co-ordinated by Harlow councillor Mark Ingall and candidate for Bush Fair



Residents warn passing motorists of their plight

Eugenie Harvey, who have been meeting with the residents regularly to discuss their concerns.

Mr Ingall said: "The issue which is of gravest concern to them is the difficulty and danger they face in crossing Tawneys Road to get to the Bush Fair shops and GP surgery.

"When one of the residents was nearly hit by a car, we decided we would do what we can to raise awareness with drivers and to make the point that we cannot have our vulnerable residents becoming cut off from daily life because they are too frightened to cross busy roads."

A spokesperson for Essex Highways said: "If people have further concerns crossing this road, the best way to take them forward is to contact their local Essex County councillor who can raise these issues with the Local Highways Panel."

"It may be that speed surveys can be carried out to help

decide what, if any, remedial action should be taken. Drivers must drive to the speed limit at all times and allow others to be safe on the road, always giving way to pedestrians on the road."

Delighted

The residents were delighted with the response from motorists during the demonstration, with many beeping their horns and giving them the thumbs-up.

"We were all really happy with the response and thank all those motorists who encouraged us."

"Hopefully they will remember the group of us standing with our placards every time they drive along Tawneys Road and wherever there are vulnerable people crossing busy roads."



Mark Ingall was a co-ordinator of the protest

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Changes to No9 bus route spark angry reaction from Joyce, 70

Pensioner says alteration 'makes no sense'

By Richard Duggan
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A PENSIONER is "up in arms" about a bus company's decision to scrap a route which she says will disadvantage the elderly and disabled.

Joyce Addy, 70, was outraged when she discovered Arriva's number 9 route in Harlow would be altered and the 9A would be canned entirely.

She feels the services' alteration will leave residents of local retirement and assisted living homes without easy access to the town centre.

"It's disgusting," said Mrs Addy, of Hadley Grange, Church Langley.

"How are pensioners and disabled people going to get out into town? We didn't have a bus there for ages – then they put the number 9 on and everyone was so happy."

"People will now have to go from the bottom of Church Lane to Potter Street – it's quite a long walk."

Arriva has published a notification on its website informing customers of changes to their number 9 service.

The planned amendment will see buses travel through to Epping via the existing route along Second Avenue.

Buses will also run every 20 minutes for the main part of the day from Monday to Saturday.

At Potter Street, buses will run along Southern Way and then via London Road towards Epping, serving Thorntree Common, Epping High Street and the Cent-



Changes are being made to the number 9 service

ral Line station for connections towards Stratford and London.

But these amendments come at the sacrifice of the current loop which goes via the A414 and Potter Street. In addition, the 9A is also facing the chop as well as the route via Maddox Road, which will no longer be provided from next month.

Courtesy

"This decision doesn't make sense," said Mrs Addy, a former cashier at the Shipley Amusement Centre in Harlow.

"It would be a courtesy for them to let people know. A lot of people don't know anything about it – it's not fair at all."

Mrs Addy is a frequent user of the number 9, which runs close to her home.

She became aware of Arriva's decision after making inquiries at the bus station.

Although a member of staff confirmed the changes to the ser-

vices, Mrs Addy was unable to find any signs in the bus station warning passengers.

"They haven't told us because we will all be up in arms," she added.

In response to Mrs Addy's criticisms, Arriva has apologised for any inconvenience caused to passengers but is still planning to alter the number 9 service.

A company spokeswoman said: "After careful consideration, Arriva has taken the decision to alter the number 9 service, due to low passenger numbers.

"When any route change is made, Arriva makes it a priority to ensure that passengers are fully informed by following a stringent process which allows a two to three week notice period.

"The re-route will come into effect on December 11 and details of these changes can be found advertised on the Arriva website, on-board the buses and via social media."

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Recidivist dealer jailed after more drugs found

Officers visit home and uncover crack cocaine and heroin

By Michael Mutch
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A HARLOW drug dealer, who was found with more drugs on him after he was released on bail, has been jailed.

Ahmed Ahmed, 21, was spotted "acting suspiciously" by officers from the West Operation Raptor team patrolling the Moor Field area of Harlow on July 19.

When they searched him they found he had been concealing 16 rocks of the Class A drugs heroin and crack cocaine in his left trouser pocket.

He was also found with £221 in cash.

Suspicion

Ahmed of Crossley Street, Islington, was arrested on suspicion of two counts of possession of a Class A drug with intent to supply and possessing the Class B drug cannabis.

He was released on bail until October 9 this year but he failed to appear at Harlow police station.

When officers visited Ahmed's London home to arrest him they searched the property and found two packages containing crack cocaine and heroin and a further £240 in cash.

He was arrested and charged with further offences.

Ahmed pleaded guilty to four counts of possessing a Class A drug with intent to supply, one count of money laundering and a



Ahmed pleaded guilty at Chelmsford Crown Court

further charge of possessing the Class B drug when he appeared at Chelmsford Crown Court on Wednesday, November 22.

He was jailed for a total of five years and eight months and the court also ordered the forfeiture of the cash and drugs.

Following the sentencing, Sergeant James Paget of the West Operation Raptor team said: "There is no doubt that Ahmed was travelling into our county from London to deal drugs.

"What he didn't bank on was that our Operation Raptor team are ready and waiting for individuals like him who think they can come into our communities to deal drugs.

"He made a further mistake when, after failing to answer bail, he clearly thought we wouldn't go and find him.

"We not only found him, but we found more drugs and he ended up facing further charges.

"The simple message is do not attempt to deal drugs on the streets of Essex.

Drug dealer Ahmed Ahmed was jailed for a total of five years and eight months



"It's only a matter of time before they will cross our path and, like Ahmed, end up before the court and behind bars."

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Hospice launches cards range and is holding auction

HASTINGWOOD charity St Clare Hospice has launched a festive selection of Christmas cards featuring 15 original designs to celebrate the yuletide season.

Within the collection are some wintry artistic impressions of familiar landmarks from across the West Essex and East Herts community – the area in which St Clare Hospice offers its free, compassionate care to local people facing a life-limiting illness.

The collection, hand-painted in support of St Clare, features a festive impression of Saffron Walden's St Mary's Church, painted by East Anglian artist Charles Evans.

Framed

The original painting of St Mary's Church in the snow has been framed and is being auctioned to raise funds for the hospice.

The painting is being displayed in the St Clare Shop on Mercers Row, Saffron Walden, and bidding will start at £25.

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Charles chats to Burnt Mill Academy Trust CEO as her presents her with CBE

Prince eager to learn more about schools in our town

By Star staff

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THE Prince of Wales asked all about education in Harlow when he bestowed school leader Helena Mills with a CBE.

The CEO of the Burnt Mill Academy Trust (BMAT) attended a formal ceremony at Buckingham Palace where she received the honour from Prince Charles.

During the presentation, the Royal asked Ms Mills all about the trust, its work and achievements.

Ms Mills, who leads BMAT's group of schools in west and north Essex, said: "It was a real honour to receive such recognition for all the hard work we do here at BMAT to provide great education for young people."

"It is not something I ever expected to achieve. It isn't

something a person from my humble beginnings ever imagines will happen to them.

"I accepted this award for all the staff and students in our trust who work hard to ensure all children, no matter what their humble beginnings may be, can achieve amazing things too."

Interested

Ms Mills said of her meeting with Prince Charles: "He already knew about BMAT and was interested in what we were doing as a trust."

"We talked for a short period about the challenges schools are facing and the origins of BMAT in Harlow."

"It was a wonderful opportunity to have some time with the Prince and to celebrate what we are doing within BMAT."

Ms Mills was one of 60 public

servants to be honoured in the palace boardroom.

She said: "It was great to meet the other public servants who are making great contributions in areas such as the health service and education."

"We had some time to mingle before the ceremony and hear about each others' work."

Of the prestigious experience itself, Ms Mills said: "Walking through the doors of the palace was very exciting."

"I love a bit of pomp and ceremony so enjoyed seeing the palace in action, especially seeing the Yeoman of the Guard."

"Most importantly, though, I enjoyed spending time with my family to celebrate this achievement."

"I just wished my mum was still alive to have come with us. She would have been so proud."



Helena Mills is made a CBE by the Prince of Wales at the palace

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Expansion of airport won't mean increasing pollution, says minister

THE Minister of State for Climate Change has spoken out in praise of airports, claiming that they are neither "dirty" nor "polluting".

Claire Perry, MP for Devizes, was speaking at a reception at the Novotel Hotel near Stansted Airport following the official groundbreaking ceremony for the airport's new technical college.

The new college is seen as a key element in support for the airport's ambitious expansion plans, with Andrew Cowan, former Stansted Airport CEO, describing it as a means to "develop a pipeline of employees fit for future growth at the airport".

The minister also appeared to speak out in favour of the airport's expansion, stating that owners of the Manchester Airport Group (MAG) were "very confident" in their plans, linking them to "opportunities to expand" industry in the area "even further".

She said: "As the Minister for Climate Change, somebody asked me 'aren't airports awful, dirty, polluting places?' Well, the answer is no. We can have growth and job opportunities and we can do it in a way that doesn't put up emissions."

Ms Perry cited statistics provided by Stansted Airport as proof of its environmental friendliness, including that 100 per cent of the electrical energy used in its buildings came from renewable sources. The minister did not,

however, make mention of emissions generated by the aircraft.

According to the European Commission for Climate Change, aviation is one of the fastest-growing sources of greenhouse gas emissions, with direct emissions from aviation accounting for about three per cent of the EU's total greenhouse gas emissions. This would put global aviation in the top ten emitters in the world if it were a country, the commission states.

It also estimates that a flight from London to New York and back generates roughly the same level of emissions per person as the average EU citizen does by heating their home for a year.

Ms Perry's comments have now been contested by Brian Ross, deputy chairman of campaign group Stop Stansted Expansion, who said: "Stansted Airport's greenhouse gas emissions will be equivalent to about 3.6 million tonnes of CO2 in 2017, which is around six per cent more than last year. As the number of flights grows, emissions of greenhouse gases grow almost in direct proportion."

"Emissions will grow even faster if it begins to introduce more long haul flights."

A spokesman for Stansted Airport said: "We recognise that strong environmental management is important for our vision of responsible and sustainable growth."

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The 'most wanted' advent calendar

WITH Christmas fast approaching, many of us have been eagerly awaiting December 1 so we have an excuse to eat chocolate each morning from our advent calendars.

But Essex Police have taken this festive tradition and given it a twist to help them catch criminals in the Harlow area.

In a bid to reduce the number of wanted people in the west of the county – which includes Harlow and its surrounding areas – the force plan to show the face of a wanted person each day in the run-up to Christmas.

It is hoped the appeal over the festive period will encourage members of the public to provide any information they have in order for officers to locate these offenders.

As with all advent calendars, it will commence tomorrow (Friday, December 1) and run right up until Christmas Eve.

Campaign

The length of the campaign also allows those wanted to come forward and hand themselves in rather than be arrested in a public place.

Chief Inspector Richard Baxter said: "We have a number of people wanted in the west and want to highlight what offences they have committed and why they are wanted.

"They will have the opportunity to come forward but if they don't we will continue our search for them.

"Public appeals for information have previously proved successful and we've chosen the Christmas period to highlight those who are wanted to appeal for help in catching them before Christmas.

"If you have any information on any of the people we put out, please call 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

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Schemes aim to have 'positive impact' for residents and businesses



Five projects aimed at improving the A414 between Harlow and Chelmsford have been given the green light

Go-ahead for five projects to improve A414 corridor

By Michael Mutch
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THE PLANNED WORK

THE projects on the A414 between Chelmsford and Harlow include:

- **Widford Roundabout:** Extending the entry flair from A414 west to improve capacity.
- **Four Wantz Roundabout:** Resizing the roundabout,

widening the approaches and improving lane designation, as well as introducing a new toucan crossing.

- **The A1169 Southern Way to Clock Tower roundabout (A1025 Second Avenue):** Will be widened to two lanes.

■ **Safety Improvements:** Will be made to lighting, signing and lines identified through a recent safety audit.

- **Public Transport:** Bus stop improvements, including new and upgraded shelters plus information and footways.

ive of promoting steady, sustained growth over the next two decades.

The improvements were identified through the Chelmsford to Harlow Route Based Strategy, undertaken by Essex County Council, and following consultation with the local community.

Schemes

Christian Brodie, chairman of SELEP, said: "These five small schemes will come together to make a positive impact for residents and businesses, and also help to improve the attractiveness of the Harlow Science Park and create significant new jobs."

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Stansted Environmental Services don their jolly jumpers in aid of St Clare for Christmas Jumper Day 2016

Charity inviting people to get festive for fundraiser

Hospice hoping to repeat success of last year's jumper campaign

By Star staff

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ST Clare Hospice is inviting everyone in the local community to don a jolly jumper for its annual Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday, December 13.

St Clare is encouraging groups of all ages to support the festive fundraiser, including local businesses, schools and organisations, by wearing their favourite Noel knitwear and making a

donation to the hospice charity.

Whether you encourage your child's nursery, playschool or primary school to take part, or organise a dress down day in your office, shop or workplace, it is one of the simplest and cosiest ways to support St Clare at this special time of year.

Vital

Last year, the event raised almost £2,000 for vital funding at Hastingwood-based St Clare,

which is enough to pay for over two weeks' worth of physiotherapy for patients either there or in their own homes.

St Clare Hospice's Community fundraising lead, Dani De'ath, said: "St Clare's Christmas Jumper Day is the perfect way to bring people together at school or in an organisation to start feeling warm and festive during the yuletide season.

"Aside from raising thousands of pounds in vital funding for St

Clare, it's also a great excuse to wear that flashing, light-up jumper you got three Christmases ago that lives at the back of the wardrobe.

Difference

"This super-fun event is a really jolly way to start celebrating Christmas and take part in something that makes a difference within your local community."

St Clare suggests that parti-

cipants donate £1 to the hospice in return for wearing their favourite Christmas jumper.

■ For more information, visit the St Clare Hospice website at: stclarehospice.org.uk/event/christmas-jumper-day-2017/

■ To find out how you can host a Christmas Jumper Day in your school or workplace, get in touch with the St Clare Community Fundraising team on 01279 773738 or email dani@stclarehospice.org.uk

Final lunar show of year promises to be spectacular

STARAZERS will be in for a treat this weekend as the final lunar display of the year will be a spectacular supermoon.

The Cold Moon will grace the night's sky during the beginning of December, after months of celestial delights from the Perseids meteor shower and multiple full moons.

The Cold Moon – also known as also be referred to as Moon before Yule, or Long Nights Moon – falls on Sunday and be at its brightest at 4.47pm.

Obtain

To obtain its supermoon status, December's full moon is the only one out of the 12 we've had this year to come close enough to Earth to shine the brightest.

Harlow residents will be able to see the supermoon with the naked eye, although cameras or telescopes will enhance the view.

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Train fare dodgers hit with £121k in penalties

FARE dodgers on Greater Anglia services across Essex have been fined a total of £121,500 following a number of court cases.

The company's Revenue Protection team caught the defendants on board Greater Anglia trains in Essex, Suffolk, London and Hertfordshire without tickets or cash/cards to buy a ticket.

Revenue Protection Inspectors can then choose either to issue a penalty fare – if people are travelling with a wrong ticket like an Oyster Card beyond Shenfield or in first class on a standard ticket – or start prosecution proceedings if the passenger had boarded the train with no intention of paying.

Greater Anglia issues between 4,000 to 6,000 penalty fares each month and prosecute between 500 to 700 people per month.

On Monday, October 9, 129 people appeared at Southend Magistrates' Court all charged with fare evasion in Essex.

Fines

The courts imposed fines of £25,312 and ordered the various fare dodgers to also pay £12,900 in costs.

Then, on Monday, November 6, a further 134 people appeared before Southend Magistrates' Court and were fined £25,593 and ordered to pay £13,400 in costs.

Ipswich Magistrates then imposed fines of £8,070 and costs of £2,500 on 25 people prosecuted for fare dodging on Tuesday, November 14.

A total of 95 people were also prosecuted at St Albans Magistrates' Court on Wednesday, November 15, and ended up with fines of £24,236 and £9,500 costs.

Greater Anglia's customer service director Andrew Goodrum said: "Ultimately, it's much cheaper to buy a ticket than risk a fine or prosecution."

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Sponsorship of award a good message says telecoms firm

Accolade will empower retail business

The Essex Business Excellence Awards has been long anticipated and tonight (Wednesday) the event will take place at The City Pavilion.

Bringing together the region's business elite, the awards will stand as a spectacular showcase of business achievement.

Joining the awards ceremony as a category sponsor is independent unified telecoms provider PMGC which delivers market leading, secure and cost-effective bespoke solutions to businesses throughout the UK.

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Shez Cheema is the CEO of PMGC Technology Group Ltd and he spoke highly of the Retail Business of the Year category which the company has put its backing behind. Praising the

role retailers play in the region's economy, Mr Cheema said: "PMGC recognises the enormous value retailers bring to ensure our towns and cities remain a vibrant and attractive place for businesses, residents and visitors alike. They also play a vital and pivotal role in developing both the 'economic and social fabric' of our local communities and we firmly believe in supporting and

recognising this. Sponsoring the Retail Business of the Year solidifies our inspiration and commitment to make a positive impact and give local businesses the accolade they deserve to prosper and grow."

A national company, PMGC not only impacts the region of Essex, but regions across the country. Speaking of the contribution they make to regional business communities, Mr Cheema said: "PMGC is a nationwide organisation that focuses on supporting the growth of local businesses. We understand that economic growth is driven by new technologies and therefore our approach to supporting the region's business community has a far-reaching effect. Our comprehensive suite of innovative but simple communication and IT solutions enables us to help, support, and fulfil the specific and demanding

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He added: "Furthermore, each year, PMGC supports several charity and local sponsorship events, which are all nominated by our customers. We are delighted to be able to work alongside our customers and support their nominated local community events for the incredible work they do across the country and we would encourage others to do the same."

Mr Cheema was also eager to share insight into the focuses PMGC has on its agenda in the coming months. "PMGC

continues to grow organically as well as through capability-based geographical acquisitions that allow us to put the customer first through our bespoke and dedicated customer service. We want to be admired, revered and respected as transforming communications in a simple and transparent manner allowing our customers to focus on their core business."

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The Essex Business Excellence Awards are fast approaching and it is already easy to see that this year's awards are going to be the best yet. Just a glance at the roster of sponsors sees London Stansted Airport, Wortley Byers Law, Jewson, HSBC, Choice Finance and James Hallam, all showing their support of these local awards.

Janine Edwards Wealth Management Ltd, a Principal Partner Practice of St. James's Place Wealth Management, is another business adding to the prestige of the awards.

Sponsoring the 'Excellence in Innovation & Technology Award', Peter Komolafe is a Wealth Management Consultant for Janine Edwards Wealth Management Ltd. With 12 years of experience in the wealth management industry, having worked for several global providers, the firm has a wealth of expertise and experience and provide an invaluable service to their clients.

Speaking of their association with this award, Peter said: "The 'Innovation & Technology' category celebrates a business that is bold and forward thinking in keeping ahead of the curve. These businesses are often a source of inspiration for others around them and as a result can set a new tone in their industries and the wider business world. I believe innovation is key for a thriving long lasting and successful business, and I look forward to seeing those who are nominated. I would personally like to wish everyone, who enters the Excellence in Innovation & Technology Award, the very best of luck."

The Essex Business Excellence Awards are fantastic at bringing the local business community together to celebrate one another's achievements. Understanding first-hand the impact these awards have on the local business community, Peter stressed just how crucial it is for fellow businesses to come together to show their support and further encourage success. He said: "It is an enormous privilege for us to be supporting such a high-profile event as the Essex Business Excellence Awards. We strongly believe that our best companies deserve real recognition and these awards are the perfect way to do that."

"Local businesses are crucial to a healthy and thriving community and economy. It's a symbiotic relationship and there's no better way to recognise local businesses and their achievements. There will be serious competition as we have a number of outstanding businesses in Essex which demonstrate innovation and excellence."

It's not just the businesses in Essex that have enjoyed great success in the past 12 months, Janine Edwards Wealth Management has truly thrived.

2017 has seen great change for the firm, with the company moving from its Balsall Common offices – which have been the company's home for over 17 years – to a new office space in Berkswell, Solihull. Always growing and moving forward, Peter spoke of the company's plans over the upcoming months, he said: "2017 is already proving to be another year where politics take centre stage. For UK investors, the main focus is going to be on the Brexit process and how this effects the UK and their own businesses in turn."

"At St. James's Place Wealth Management, we will always look to make the most of any opportunity and work closely with our clients to ensure they get the best results whatever the climate. With changes in income tax, corporation tax, pension rules and inheritance tax, business owners have never needed more help than they do now."

The Essex Business Excellence Awards are taking place on Wednesday 29 November at The City Pavilion in Romford. With a Champagne reception kicking off proceedings, the awards are set to be an unmissable event, so, for more information please contact Victoria Perry at Champions (UK) plc on 01509 85 29 27 or email vperry@championsukplc.com

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'All this positivity at Burnt Mill has overwhelmed me'

STUDENTS and parents of Burnt Mill Academy have been praised for making the school "outstanding in every sense".

Allan Osborne recently became the executive principal of the west Essex hub of schools within the Burnt Mill Academy Trust (BMAT).

The executive head teacher of Epping St John's School is spending time getting to know students and parents at each of the schools within his hub.

Positive

He has been so overwhelmed with the positive attitudes, high achievement, productive relationships and ambitious spirit he has witnessed that he has written to parents.

In a letter, from himself and head of school Laura McGlashan who both took up their posts in September, he said: "I have been overwhelmed at the positivity and support parents and carers give to our students."

"It is such a privilege to be the executive principal and to support Ms McGlashan as she takes the school from clearly outstanding to world class. There is no doubt in my mind that the outcomes, the students' attitudes to their learning and the strong relationships between staff and students, that this school is truly outstanding in every sense of the world."

The team, who continue to work with BMAT CEO Helena Mills, have both worked in Harlow for many years.

Mr Osborne said: "The students and families connected with Burnt Mill are just wonderful. I have never seen anything like what I am seeing here."

"It's a wonderful experience to be a part of such a harmonious school. I am delighted to be looking after the west Essex hub with Ms Mills and I know Ms McGlashan will take Burnt Mill to world class."



Allan Osborne and Laura McGlashan with some of the Burnt Mill pupils

A triumph of talent during almighty battle of the bands

THE quality and variety of acts competing in the annual Battle of the Bands contest has been praised by industry experts.

For the 11th year, students took to the stage to battle it out in the inter-school music competition.

Eight bands from Burnt Mill Academy and Mark Hall Academy, in Harlow, Epping St John's School, in Epping, and Forest Hall School, in Stansted, brought their singing and musical talents to the spotlight.

For only the second year, a band of Burnt Mill staff also performed.

Despite the closure of venue the Square, the contest continued this year, at Club Foot, a new community venue based at Burnt Mill.

Charly Richardson, from Essex Music Services, said it was an "absolute pleasure" to be a guest judge at the "amazing celebration of music-making".

He said: "As lead officer of Essex Music Services, the lead partner in Essex Music Education Hub, I see all kinds of music-making around the county, but was blown away by the variety and quality of the night."

"Nights like this are important for so many reasons; to celebrate the efforts and talents of young musicians, to create a sense of

WINNERS

Best Band: Monochroma (Burnt Mill): Libby Slow, Izzy Baker, Katy Thomas, Amber Butcher, Isaac Cook, Ari Sanozidis

Best Vocalist: Tiago Loughran-Morais (Mark Hall), Owen Stringer (Burnt Mill)

Best Guitarist: Bryony Roberts (Mark Hall), Kristian Pomfrett (Epping St John's)

Best Pianist: Rosie Bennett (Burnt Mill)

Best Bassist: Grace O'Donoghue (Epping St John's)

Best Drummer: Alfie Gorman (Burnt Mill)

Best Image: Wreckless (Mark Hall) - Ellie-May Mash, Madalen Baynes, Brooke Collins, Max Jones, Iris Harris, Rebecca Mepstall, Gregor Collie

Best Entertainers: Aaron Eckley, Kristian Pomfrett, Grace O'Donoghue, Sam Wilson-Daines (Epping St John's)

community and, most importantly, to inspire young people, parents and carers about the importance of music.

"I'm pretty sure I'll be seeing at least a few individuals or bands from the event popping up in the charts in ten years' time."

The overall winning band was Monochroma, made up of Year 9 to 11 students from Burnt Mill,



Izzy Baker, Amber Butcher, Katy Thomas, Ari Sanozidis, Libby Slow and Isaac Cook.

Their prize is a full day at recording studio Cosmic Audio, in Epping. Mark Ashfield, of Cosmic Audio, was also a judge. He said: "I was honoured to be asked to join the judging panel. It was a joy to see so much talent from such young musicians and such excitement on their faces to be performing and achieving recognition for their good work."

"It was a tough call to pick the

winners – they are all winners.

"I can't wait to get the guys and girls in the studio enjoying their prize."

The third judge was Lanie Shears, councillor for Mark Hall ward.

Joint organiser Joe Beckwith said: "The competition this year was among the best we have seen. It was a really hot competition and the atmosphere was electric."

"The overall winners took a step back from rock and instead

performed beautiful harmonies which was a great contrast against the punk, indie rock and rap."

Joint-organiser Adam Smith, former promoter at the Square, said: "We hope to grow the show in future, with more schools involved and rounds of heats ahead of a grand final."

Essex Music Education Hub provided funding for Burnt Mill to buy the equipment from the Square to enable the competition – and other events – to continue.

Arts chief handed a dream role with Disney

DISNEY has turned to a Burnt Mill Academy Trust (BMAT) director for guidance on its educational resources.

Cristin Casey, director of performing arts for the trust's primary and secondary schools, has been invited to join the Teachers Advisory Board at the Disney Theatrical Group.

The board, made up of a handful of teachers from around the country, enables the international brand to consult with teachers and education advisers to keep resources and experiences relevant.

The aim of the board is for Disney to get an insight into what teachers look for to support a theatre trip and how to link the experience to the curriculum.

As well as helping Disney to tailor its educational resources to the specific audience, the partnership will have benefits for students within the Trust schools in Harlow, Epping and Stansted.

Connection

Mrs Casey, who recently attended her first meeting, said: "This connection will enable all learners to take advantage of behind-the-scenes tours and attend workshops to learn from members of the Disney team, including performers, costume designers, lighting designers and choreographers, when attending Disney West End performances, such as Aladdin and Lion King."

"It's another networking opportunity which will bring opportunities to our schools."

"It was so inspiring for me to go to that meeting and then return to our schools with lots of innovating, creative and exciting ideas for our students."

"We will be able to bring the magic of Disney to our performing arts lessons in school."



Cristin Casey

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Chair of the Council, Cllr Sue Livings, centre, with representatives of the Home Group, Countryside Partnerships South and officers from Harlow Council

Local homes for local families handover

THE first affordable homes for rent completed at the Atelier development in Staple Tye have been handed over to residents.

The £71 million regeneration of The Briars, Copshall Close and Ayleys Field (BCA) estates is a joint partnership between Harlow Council, Countryside and Home Group.

A total of 343 new homes will

be built in three phases, comprising 143 private sale homes, 165 affordable homes for rent and 35 shared ownership.

By the end of phase one in March 2018, 53 affordable homes will be provided at Atelier, with a further 98 affordable homes completed by the end of 2019 and the remaining 49 in spring 2020.

Some of the affordable homes

will go to council tenants who want to move back onto the estate. All others for rent will be allocated to local people on the Harlow Housing Needs Register.

The multi-million pound redevelopment will transform the area with new green spaces, new landscaping, roads, parking, improved cycle and pedestrian routes, and a community centre.

Training opportunities during the construction process are also on offer.

Councillor Mark Wilkinson, Harlow Council's portfolio holder for housing, said: "I am very proud to see local homes going to local families on Harlow's housing needs register.

"This project not only provides much-needed affordable

homes but it will change those families' lives for the better and provide them with new opportunities in a new community.

"The first handover of modern affordable homes at Atelier highlights our commitment to regenerate Harlow and provide new housing opportunities for local people in our town."

Free coat exchange to help homeless fight off the cold

HAVE you got an old coat that could keep someone warm and dry this winter?

The town's first coat exchange scheme for the homeless and vulnerable has been launched at Harlow's Town Centre Library.

Situated inside the library, the scheme is quite simple – people are invited to donate unwanted coats and jackets by simply hanging them up on a rail, while those in need are welcome to help themselves.

They don't even have to let anyone know they have removed an item.

Both adults and children's coats can be donated during the library's opening times.

The library is open 9am to 5pm on Saturdays, 9am to 7pm every other day and closed on Wednesdays and Sundays.

The scheme has been championed by Councillor Ian



Coat exchange preparations at the library

Beckett, chair of Harlow's health and wellbeing board, who said: "The health and wellbeing of all the people of Harlow is paramount and that includes those without homes or vulnerably housed."

"Lack of housing is an issue but there are complex reasons for people's individual circumstances and we know that initiatives like this can make a real difference, especially at this time of year."

The scheme is being supported by Harlow's homeless charities Streets2Homes and The Chocolate Run who will also benefit from the donations. Kerrie Eastman, chief operations

officer for Streets2Homes said: "We know how generous Harlow people are and we're confident this scheme will receive significant support and be warmly welcomed."

This will be the fourth scheme of its kind in Essex Libraries following similar initiatives in Colchester, Chelmsford and Witham.

Councillor Susan Barker, Essex County Council cabinet member responsible for libraries, said: "This is a fantastic community-inspired idea and one which will make a real difference to people in need, especially as the cold weather creeps in."

"Simple schemes like this, where people are invited to donated unwanted coats by simply hanging them up, while those in need can help themselves, are to be congratulated and I would encourage people to donate what they can to get it started."



Brian Keane

Harlow Council appoints acting MD

BRIAN Keane has been appointed acting managing director of Harlow Council.

Mr Keane's appointment was agreed at a council meeting held on November 2.

The interim appointment follows a proposal agreed by the council in April 2017 to create a new single chief officer post for the authority.

The managing director replaces the former posts of chief executive and chief operating officer.

Graham Branchett (chief operating officer) left the council at the end of July, and Malcolm Morley (chief executive) left at the end of October.

Reducing the council's top management team to one post saves the authority more than £424,000 over the next four years.

Mr Keane, who has been the council's head of governance for four-and-a-half years, will take up the post until a permanent appointment is made.

Skills

Mr Keane has held senior management roles in other Essex councils including working at Brentwood and Braintree and has carried out governance investigations for public bodies.

Councillor Jon Clempner, leader of Harlow Council, said: "Brian has the skills, knowledge and experience needed to manage Harlow Council in the coming months as the town enters some very exciting times."

"There is still much to do and we need to continue moving forward to ensure the council plays the same vital role in building Harlow's bright future."

Mr Keane said: "I know from my time working here that Harlow is a great place with huge potential and I am delighted to take up this position in an acting capacity."

"My priority is to work with and support the council's fantastic staff, councillors and partners to ensure the council moves forward and delivers what the local community wants and needs."

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The Glowing Frost Fairy meets a young visitor

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Harlow singers

THE Harlow Singers invite you to join them at a concert they have called 'O Come, Emmanuel - A journey from Advent to Christmas'. It will be held at St Mary's Church, Churchgate Street, Old Harlow CM17 0JT at 4pm on Sunday, December 3. Free admission. Retiring collection.

ROYDON

Pavilion refurbishment

MCCOLLS Community Store in Roydon recently presented Roydon Playing Fields Management Committee with a cheque for £500 for the internal refurbishment of the pavilion showers.

Volunteers running the playing fields have undertaken a number of grant applications in the past 12 months and have been successful in raising money for a couple of major projects. Money was approved by Epping Forest District Council for the repair of the septic tank and drainage works.

The playing fields committee, and all volunteers, are grateful for this financial support.

Councillor Sue Livings, Richard Chiassaro, Ryan Lambert and Councillor Edna Stevens
Photo: BRIAN THOMAS PHOTOGRAPHY



Sportsmen receive Civic Awards

RICHARD Chiassaro and Ryan Lambert have been presented with Civic Awards for their outstanding commitment and contribution to sport and the community of Harlow.

Para-athlete Richard, who won a bronze medal at the World Para-Athletics Championships in the summer, also coaches the Harlow

Wheelchair Racing Squad based at Mark Hall athletics track.

Ryan is a member of Kazen Kai Martial Arts which has a base at Nicholls Field Pavilion.

He has an extensive list of sporting achievements including silver at WUKF World Championships in Dublin. He is also a role model for the children and adults he teaches.

Both received their awards from the Chair of Harlow Council, Sue Livings and the former Chair of the Council, Edna Stevens, at a Council meeting held in early November.

Civic Awards are handed out every year to recognise the contribution of local people and local groups.

VOLUNTEERS and supporters of Harlow's Inclusive Performing Arts company, Razed Roof, have received the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Services, at a ceremony held in Harlow Civic Centre.

Known as the 'MBE for volunteers', the award recognises the hard work of all those involved in enabling communities to flourish.

Razed Roof, based at Harlow Playhouse, brings together adults with learning difficulties and disabilities (core Razed Roofers) with A-level students from the Robert Barclay Academy in Hoddesdon.

Together, they develop pieces of performance work and provide a variety of workshops for others in the wider community.

Razed Roof volunteers support the extensive work of the company in a variety of ways, including: supporting participants during weekly sessions; fundraising; making costumes and props; technical support; assisting with research for projects; providing transport for company members; taking on

the role of trustees; participating in workshops for special schools and universities, and offering training courses for social care professionals.

Volunteering for the company brings so many people together, sharing their time and valuable skills.

Over 100 people attended the presentation held in Harlow's Council Chamber. Sue Livings, Chair of Harlow Council, welcomed the Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Jennifer Tolhurst who was representing The Queen.

Also present were Deputy Lieutenants Mrs Julia Abel-Smith and Mr Charles Clark, accompanied by Caroline Taylor, the CEO of Essex Community Foundation.

Razed Roof's artistic director, Annette Lidster, talked about the history of the company and how it has developed over the past 25 years, and of the crucial role volunteers have played in its growth and development.

Volunteers and company members also spoke of their involvement and how it has impacted positively on their lives.

Shoppers greeted by Winter wonderland at The Harvey Centre

THE Harvey Centre in Harlow kick started Christmas in spectacular style with a day of free special events and entertainment on Saturday November 18.

The fun then continued to Boardwalk with Harlow Council's Light Switch-on and then on to the Water Gardens where they turned their lights on.

The centre was filled with festive cheer as customers were joined by a host of exciting entertainers including the stunning Glowing Frost Fairy who spread magic and sparkle wherever she went.

Joining her was the equally glamorous Christmas bauble who looked like she'd just stepped down from a tree.

Turkeys

Bringing a touch of comedy to the event, the toe tapping turkeys provided quick witted patter and tap dance routines that put a smile on everyone's faces.

While a musically minded nun entertained guests with her piano playing and comical vocal talents.

Mr Chissel tip the Toymaker brought a cart, bursting with toys and provided entertainment for the kids with music and dance.



Acrobalance duo Freeze perform for the crowd



Jack Frost greets some of his guests

the Christmas love as she wandered head and shoulders above the crowd playing matchmaker with her mistletoe.

Guests also had the opportunity to take home a comical Christmas portrait of themselves created by a visiting caricaturist who depicted them

Queen's Award

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a festive spectacular



The Christmas Bauble was among the attractions



A toe-tapping Turkey entertained shoppers

in a festive scene.

Christmas crackers throughout the day.

And to top it off, there were

lots of freebies including chocolates, candy canes and

chocolates, candy canes and

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Further Christmas attractions

throughout December, which will be announced shortly.

These events will complement the array of festive attractions

which will include The Water Gardens' Giant Snow Globe, which will be in the town on December 7 between 2pm and 8pm.



Bolek (Dan Powell) proposes to Hez (Eve-Marie Darby)

MHP set designer's 'Winter' premiere gets warm welcome

THEATRE REVIEW

PAUL Regeli has long been a well-known member of MHP Theatre, principally as a set designer.

Now as a dramatist, his play Winter is given a worthy premiere.

His "fiction rooted in fact" presents a splendid vividness of character and incident from the early years of the Second World War.

The eccentric Frazer family, beset with their own conflicts, show us a harrowing slice of life, spiced with moments of broad comedy.

Challenge

The piece requires a very particular style of emotional underplay allied to a crisp pace, setting a challenge which the whole cast tackled bravely and successfully, despite (on Friday's performance) some loss of attack in the final scenes.

From a cast in which all nine members are principals with important contributions to make, it is foolish to single



Bolek and Hez share a romantic moment

out star offerings.

Let it suffice to say that the diverse characters in this savagely dysfunctional family were all sharply brought to life – credit both to acting and writing skills.

It's always good to see MHP presenting interesting original work. Long may they continue.



From left to right Bolek (Dan Powell), Duncan (Jack Downey), Henry (Robbie Chittick), and Edith (Joan Lanario)

pride for performing arts group



Clr Sue Livings, Chair of Harlow Council, welcomed the Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Mrs Jennifer Tolhurst who was representing HM Queen Elizabeth. Also present were Deputy Lieutenants Mrs Julia Abel-Smith and Mr Charles Clark, accompanied by Caroline Taylor, the CEO of Essex Community Foundation.

Volunteer Steph Wright, who worked with the company for a number of years, said: "Volunteering at Razed Roof opened my eyes to a whole new brilliant world of inclusive theatre."

"Being able to support the core group of wonderful actors each week was amazing. Everyone works together to

create unique, stylised pieces of drama which make up the annual shows everyone looks forward to."

He went on: "Before I got the opportunity to work with Razed Roof, I wasn't aware of the inclusive side of performing arts so having the opportunity to be involved in theatre with so many fresh ideas and talent was even

more inspiring.

"One of my favourite parts of working with the group was touring our shows in different locations and performing workshops to different schools. "This gave us the opportunity to show others what we do as a group and for students and adults to be part of it.

"I have made so many

friendships and memories that will stay with me forever and feel privileged to have been a part of the best theatre group there is."

The Lord Lieutenant shared her thoughts about the work of Razed Roof volunteers and emphasised the example they are setting for others.

The Deputy Lieutenant read the official citation from Her Majesty the Queen.

The Lord Lieutenant presented The Crystal Award and the Citation to Tony Edwards (Chair of trustees), Barbara Lazarus (Chair of the fundraising committee and session supporter), and Aaron Staines (company member volunteer), who proudly received them on behalf of all Razed Roof volunteers.

The celebration concluded with the sharing of an impressive 'right royal' cake, baked by volunteer Jane Martin, and a special toast to the company, volunteers and the community.

The Deputy Lieutenant described the presentation evening as "a triumph".

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**Carol
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Passed away peacefully on 22nd November 2017 aged 70 years.

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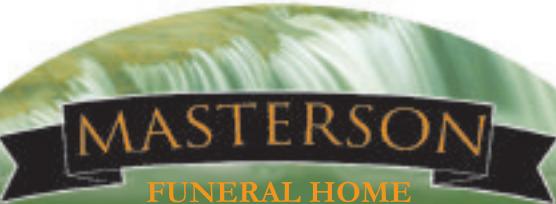
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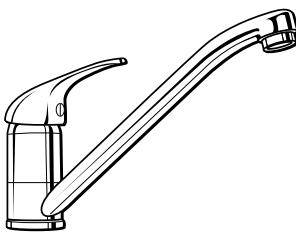
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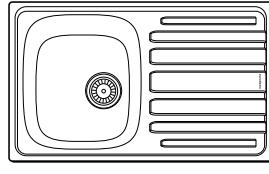
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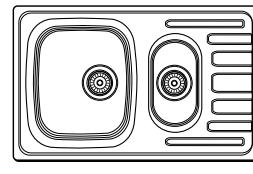
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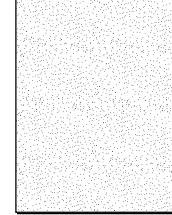
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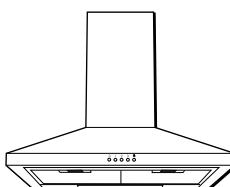
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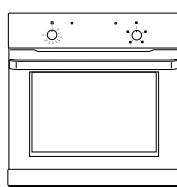
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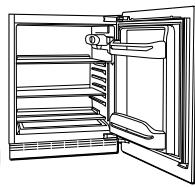
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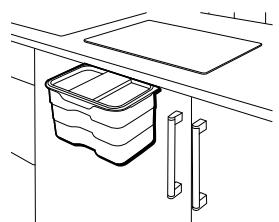
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THE MAN WHO INVENTED CHRISTMAS (PG)

PUTTING aside the veracity of the title, *The Man Who Invented Christmas* is a family-friendly jaunt that melds historical fact and literary fantasy à la *Shakespeare In Love*.

The halls of Susan Coyne's script are decked in Victorian-era period detail and unabashed sentimentality, drawing parallels between Dickens' upbringing and Ebenezer Scrooge's painful journey of self-realisation.

Downtown Abbey pin-up Dan Stevens adopts a shaggy mane, not too dissimilar from his flowing locks in *Beauty And The Beast*, as one of the titans of English literature, whose career was in the doldrums before Jacob Marley's ghostly chains rattled in his imagination.

Bharat Nalluri's film is both comforting and achingly familiar, wringing out decent laughs in scenes where Christopher Plummer's acid-tongued miser belittles the author, who gave birth to him.

The overriding tone is saccharine, so audiences won't need to buy anything from the concessions stand to get a full-blast sugar fix.



The Muppet Christmas Carol (U)

Talking of Charles Dickens and *A Christmas Carol* (see above), The Muppets' take on his festive yarn gets a big screen re-release on Monday, December 4.

In our house, this is regarded as the definitive version although the 1951 film starring Alastair Sim is pretty good too.

In the Muppets' retelling, Kermit is Bob Cratchit, Miss Piggy is his wife, The Great Gonzo is Dickens and Michael Caine makes for a suitably miserable Scrooge. Director Brian Henson (son of Muppets creator Jim) managed to capture the dread of the original but also infused it with plenty of laughs and some good tunes too.

Screenings take place at cinemas across the UK, check your local listings for details. DW



Owen Wilson as Nate Pullman, Julia Roberts as Isabel Pullman, Jacob Tremblay as Auggie Pullman, Izabela Vidovic as Olivia Pullman and Danielle Rose Russell as Miranda in *Wonder*

FAMILY VALUES

WONDER (PG) ★★★★

Christmas comes early with the aptly titled *Wonder*. Lovingly adapted from the award-winning 2012 novel by RJ Palacio, this exquisitely calibrated drama eschews mawkish sentimentality but still has us weeping uncontrollably by the end credits.

An elegant script penned by director Stephen Chbosky, Steve Conrad and Jack Thorne confidently navigates the choppy emotional waters that threaten to separate four members of a Manhattan family, who have learnt the hard way that beauty comes from within.

A simple bookmark structure alternates between narrators, exposing chinks in the characters' armours as they wrestle with insecurities and learn life lessons from a 10-year-old boy with a rare genetic syndrome, which has resulted in 27 agonising surgeries to painstakingly rebuild his face.

A stellar cast led by Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson and 11-year-old wunderkind Jacob Tremblay, who narrowly missed out on an Oscar

nomination for his stunning performance in the 2015 film *Room*, inhabit each flawed protagonist with tenderness.

It's a magnificent ensemble effort, right down to the smallest roles on the periphery.

Chbosky directs with an assured touch, allowing the dazzling cast to do most of the heavy emotional lifting without recourse to Brazilian composer Marcelo Zarvos to shamelessly pluck at our heartstrings.

Auggie Pullman (Tremblay) has been home-schooled since birth by his mother Isabel (Roberts) but she feels the time

has come for her boy to venture into the classroom.

"It's like leading a lamb to the slaughter, and you know it," Auggie's concerned father Nate (Wilson) warns his wife, fearing the reaction of other children to Auggie's disfigurement.

The family stands united at the gates of Beecher Prep school for Auggie's first day.

"You can't blend in when you were born to stand out," sweetly whispers Auggie's older sister Olivia (Izabela Vidovic) before he meets his form teacher Mr Browne (Daveed Diggs).

The youngster makes new

friends including Jack Will (Noah Jupe) and Summer (Millie Davis) but his facial scars make him an obvious target for resident bully Julian (Bryce Gheisar).

Meanwhile, painfully shy Olivia also faces isolation when she is rejected by her best friend Miranda (Danielle Rose Russell).

Wonder draws on wonderful source material to deliver a deeply moving family portrait that will enchant audiences of all ages.

Roberts and Wilson are an appealing parental double-act and Vidovic beautifully illuminates the guilt that gnaws at Olivia every time she feels jealous about the attention lavished upon Auggie.

"My house is the universe and revolves around the son ... not the daughter," she sombrely observes.

Tremblay might be concealed behind prosthetics and a wig but he conveys every flicker of Auggie's raw emotions with precision beyond his tender years.

The two-hour running time passes with copious laughter and tears.

Only a stone-cold heart will be able to resist the film's sincere and heartfelt charms.



Jacob Tremblay and Julia Roberts share a moment in *Wonder*

MUSIC

ROCKERS RETURN

The Darkness with bassist Frankie Poullain far right



EXTRAVAGANT ROCKERS THE DARKNESS PLAY ESSEX NEXT WEEK. BASSIST FRANKIE POULLAIN TELLS DARRYL WEBBER ABOUT THEIR NEW ALBUM AND THEIR LIVE SHOW

In the dark days of winter, you can rely on The Darkness to bring glamour, drama and monster riffs to cut through the doom and gloom. And they'll be bringing them to Essex next week as they play the Cliffs Pavilion in Southend.

Riding high after the release of fifth album Pinewood Smile last month, the four-piece band say they want to save us from "mediocre, auto-tuned tweens and awful, throbby EDM sh*te". The album is packed with zinging tunes and witty lyrics along with the customary over-the-top delivery we've come to expect from Justin Hawkins and co.

If Pinewood Smile sounds like a band having a lot of fun, that's because it is but it's hard work too, as bassist Frankie Poullain explains.

"We just mess around at first, but it goes from playful to serious quite quickly," he says. "That's the dynamic with this band. Once we have

something and it's out there, we have to do something different with it, no matter how Pythonesque it gets at times. If something is wrong, we try to make it right. If all of us are laughing, it's working. We have a very open approach. It's like a playground mentality we have."

Frankie says the songs come together through a kind of group consciousness about what a Darkness tune should be like and it's not always straight-forward.

"Each song has to be a challenge. It's like soul music in that there has to be a struggle. We challenge each other all the time, but we love

it," Frankie explains. "You can tell bands that aren't enjoying it, you can see it in the body language."

The album was written in Putney and recorded in Cornwall, and produced by Grammy-winning studio guru Adrian Bushby (Foo Fighters, Muse). Frankie says it was a pretty intense experience at times but you the results are worth it.

"We did it all in a month, it was a lot of work. We laid down all the backing tracks which took up to 50 takes sometimes. We wanted to do it old school because you can tell the difference."

"Too many bands are in the comfort zone because of technology doing the work for them. You miss that natural sound, it gets too robotic."

As much as the band enjoy

the writing and recording process, you get the distinct impression that it's on stage that The Darkness really come into their own. They hit the road last week and their tour hits Southend next week. Talking ahead of the dates, Frankie couldn't wait to play the new songs to their fans and it sounds like they've got quite a show lined up.

"It's all about creating monumental euphoria, that's our strength and that's what we do better than anyone," he says. "We create a sense of joy, euphoria and abandon. That's what we think rock 'n' roll should be all about."

■ The Darkness play the Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, on Thursday, December 7. Tickets available at southendtheatres.org.uk or by calling 01702 351135.

SOUTHEND SPECIAL: ESSEX BANDS TAKE OVER CHINNERYS



TWO top Essex bands will be back in live action this weekend with gigs at Chinnerys. The Milk (left) return to their old stomping ground on Friday December 1 with support from New Support Adventure and Joe Fin.

After that Asylums (right) play on Saturday, December 2 with special guests a.c.i.d. and Darrah. Find out more at www.chinnerys.co.uk



BEST GIGS

GIG
OF THE
WEEK



■ Shakey's Sessions, Bassment, Chelmsford, Friday, December 1

Shakey has another top line-up of acts for his Friday night session with Depeche Mode favourites F.O.X. (above), Reno & Rome, Monkey Tennis and Mr B & The Wolf bringing an eclectic mixture of style to the Bassment.



■ Fickle Friends, Chinnerys, Southend, March 10

Indie popsters Fickle Friends have announced their eagerly anticipated new album will be out next spring - and they're off on an 18-date UK tour to promote it. You Are Someone Else is released on March 16 on Polydor Records and singer Natti Shiner said: "This album mostly talks about the feeling that you don't fit in your own life, forever craving something else."

DOWN THE PUB



The Blues Spiders (above) boast many years - decades even - of experience and you can see them this Saturday, December 2 at the Railway, in Clifftown Road, Southend. They draw on the South Essex Thames blues delta sound - the likes of Dr Feelgood - and include Bob Clouter, who has worked with Mickey Jupp, Lew Lewis and Robin Trower, on drums.

Gigs for December 1 to 3:

- **Star & Garter, Moulsham Street, Chelmsford:** Friday - Rewind; Saturday - The Saints
- **The Bull, Colchester:** Friday - Beggar; Saturday - Cushti
- **Cricketers, Southend:** Friday - Blazin Aces (Rock'n'Roll)
- **Golden Fleece, Chelmsford:** Friday - Barney and the Rubbles
- **Railway Hotel, Clifftown Road, Southend:** Saturday - Blues Spiders; Sunday (7.30pm) - Cheap Joint (R&B, Bluegrass)
- **Boars Head, Braintree:** Friday - Joker; Saturday - Fleeced
- **Wheatsheaf, Bishops Stortford:** Saturday - Mind The Gap Club

SPOTLIGHT

This album is a tribute to Brucie. He is my inspiration and my hero

STRICTLY COME DANCING'S ANTON DU BEKE TELLS MARION McMULLEN HOW SIR BRUCE FORSYTH WILL ALWAYS BE HIS SHOWBIZ ROLE MODEL

Were you disappointed your dance partner TV presenter Ruth Langsford did not have the opportunity to appear on Strictly Come Dancing's Blackpool show at the weekend?

IT'S just one of those things. It would have been great if she had made it to Blackpool. She was unlucky.

You know right at the beginning of the series I was not that impressed with anyone really and then it came to the first shows and instantly everyone got good. (Laughs) I think they've had extra lessons or something, but I don't know where they got the time.

Ruth would have loved Blackpool and we had an American smooth dance ready to do. It was a big showbusiness number – right up my street really.

Did you both escape unharmed from the mass pile-up following your farewell dance on Strictly? (LAUGHS) It's the first time it's happened on Strictly. I was lying on the dancefloor and everyone just ran on and piled on me.

It was magic with little Debbie McGee jumping on the top of the pile. Ruth gets a little claustrophobic though and she had one or two palpitations underneath that pile of people.

You've just released your debut album From The Top. How did it all come about?

IT'S something I wanted to do for a number of years and recording the album was enormous fun to do.



Anton with Brucie

It's songs that you can dance to and I picked all my favourites. The hardest was deciding what not to pick. I had a list as long as my arm. I'm so thrilled with it. I'm like the cat that got the cream.

Did Sir Bruce Forsyth inspire you?

I PERFORMED Me And My Shadow with Bruce a few years ago on Strictly Come Dancing and the whole thing was inspired by doing that number.

It was one of the most favourite things I have done and sort of summed up everything to do with my performing life.

To be able to do that with your

hero, to do a song you love, I don't think it gets any better.

Did you both have a lot in common?

WE both loved the music of people like Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr, Judy Garland, Fred Astaire.

We loved all that and this album is a tribute to Brucie. He is my inspiration and my hero.

We played a lot of golf together and he would tell these great stories and jokes. I feel lucky enough to have been able to call him my friend. Such a gentleman.

He was the king, he was the absolute king. There will never be anyone else like him.

What is your favourite memory of Bruce?

I DID a tiny show at the Hippodrome in London in the cabaret

room and he came down and did a couple of numbers.

I mentioned it to him and said 'Do you fancy it?' and he just turned up and did it. Just great memories.

It was the height of showbusiness. He loved an audience. It did not matter if it was two people or 2,000. He just loved performing.

Have you always loved singing?

I'VE been singing almost as long as I've been dancing. I've sung on Strictly and I do duets, solos and song and dance numbers on my UK tours with Erin Boag.

We'll be celebrating our 10th year of touring together next year so we are aiming to do something special. We will be doing some favourite music numbers from past shows and new routines as well.

Are there any duets on the album?

THERE are some great duets. I love them. I sing with Hayley Sanderson and Lance Ellington, the Strictly Come Dancing singers, Connie Fisher on City Of Stars and Moondance with the Overtones, who sound amazing.

I sing I Bet That You Look Good On The Dancefloor by the Arctic Monkeys as well. How could I not do it? Everyone laughs when they hear about the song and then they listen to it and it is great.

Did you enjoy the recording process?

POLYDOR really embraced something they do not normally do. In their stable they have the Rolling Stones, Take That, Gary Barlow, Ellie Goulding – all these wonderful artists and I am completely

different to all of them.

They brought in all the best people and a 36-piece orchestra and it sounds incredible. (Laughs) Even if you don't like the singing, the orchestra is remarkable.

I spent my 20s and 30s penniless with just a lot of dreams. This album is for everyone who loves swing, who loves romance and who believes dreams come true.

How has Strictly changed your life?

IT'S a great show. People don't ask for autographs any more though, they all want selfies, which is great.

It's so quick. Or they say 'Have a quick word with my mum' and pass me the phone. I say 'Hello mum, how are you?' I have spoken to mums up and down the country.

Have you ever thought about leaving the show?

(LAUGHS) I'm never going. They barely even have to ask me to do another series. Even if they didn't ask, I would turn up anyway.

You are also now the father of twins as well. How do you manage everything?

I HAVE the most incredible wife. She's remarkable and looks after everything, including me, thank God.

The twins are a bit on the young side to appreciate Christmas, but I love Christmas and will be decking the halls with boughs of holly. I love a Christmas tree. I'm a disaster in the kitchen,

but I'm a wonderful cleaner-upper and a consummate dishwasher stalker.



■ ANTON Du Beke's debut album From The Top is released on Polydor.

Anton du Beke says recording his album was enormous fun



■ JIM BROADBENT, above, has signed up to star as Hans Christian Anderson in a "dangerous, twisted and funny" new play about the fairy tale author who wrote The Little Mermaid and The Ugly Duckling.

The world premiere of A Very Very Very Dark Matter by Martin McDonagh will take place at the Bridge Theatre in London next October.

Go to bridgetheatre.co.uk for booking information.



■ BOXING champ Frank Bruno, above, will be talking about his life and career and signing copies of his bestselling book *Let Me Be Frank at An Evening With Frank Bruno* next year.

He says his guilty pleasure is cake and his starstruck moment was meeting Michael Jackson. Go to frankbruno.co.uk for dates.



■ CILLIAN Murphy, above, has said he would be up for a Peaky Blinders film, but not a musical.

He has dismissed reports that the BBC drama could be adapted for the West End stage and said: "I heard about that... that's not for me."

Cillian who plays Thomas Shelby in the gangster drama, said he was more likely to sign up for a big screen version. He said: "In theory, yeah, absolutely. If the writing is as good as it is for the show, then for sure."

STYLE GUIDE

CORDUROY COMEBACK

An offshoot of the Seventies trend, corduroy is back on the catwalks - and shaking off its fusty reputation, says **KATIE WRIGHT**

WHILE velvet and suede have come roaring back into fashion in recent years, their cousin corduroy has remained a style pariah, encumbered by associations with 1970s smart-casual businessmen and geography teachers (of all eras).

But now, those very same sartorial outcasts have been welcomed back into the fold (because what is fashion if not fickle?), with head-to-toe cord looks cropping up on the Prada, Marc Jacobs and Lemaire autumn/winter catwalks, and the ribbed fabric gaining major traction in the high street collections too.

In autumnal colours - like copper, crimson, burgundy and a range of deep greens - the Seventies associations are obvious, and the soft but sturdy textile is ideal for mixing with other winter warmers, like cashmere and cable knits.

We've picked some top buys to add to your cold weather wardrobe. With these stylish pieces, you'll soon want to get on board with cord.



1 Laura Ashley cord waist tunic, currently reduced to £40 from £80, lauraashley.com



2 Glamorous pink corduroy trucker jacket £60, glamorous.com



3 La Redoute R Essential corduroy jacket £49, laredoute.co.uk

4 Miss Selfridge pink balloon sleeve knitted jumper, currently reduced to £22.50 from £30; burgundy corduroy A-line skirt, currently reduced to £21 from £28, missselfridge.com



5 Cath Kidston corduroy trousers, currently reduced to £42 from £70, cathkidston.com



6 George at Asda dungaree dress, £16



7 M&Co petite cable knit turtle neck jumper £29; petite A-line cord skirt £22, mandco.com



All prices correct at time of going to print. All offers while stocks last

8 MiH Marty cord jeans £195, MiH buttermilk bubble top £245, mih-jeans.com

9 Bonprix bronze soft cord blazer £39.99; vintage print blouse £19.99; jeans £29.99; necklace £14.99, bonprix.co.uk



MEN'S ROOM

No jacket required

Whether you're looking for something formal or casual, you can't beat a waistcoat for an instant style update, writes **EMMA JOHNSON**



Charles Tyrwhitt charcoal merino wool waistcoat £49.95, ctshirts.com



100% milled wool grey waistcoat £135, Peter Hahn, peterhahn.co.uk



Hammond & Co navy waistcoat £55, Debenhams, debenhams.com



Huntswood extra fine merino wool waistcoat in beige £150, John Smedley, johnsmedley.com



WP candida Donal waistcoat now £46, House of Fraser, houseoffraser.co.uk



Aubergine waistcoat £40, Burton, burton.co.uk



Cotton moleskin waistcoat in sand £60, John Lewis, johnlewis.com



Mustard Harris tweed waistcoat £70, Next, next.co.uk



M&S Collection pure cotton barleycorn waistcoat in brown £69, Marks and Spencer, marksandspencer.com

*Prices correct at time of going to print

Loch stripe knitted waistcoat £47.50, Wandsworth brushed trousers £55, bearberry shirt £55, all White Stuff, whitestuff.com



Noose & Monkey bright blue suit waistcoat was £45, now £22, Topman, topman.com

ON THE RADAR



Prince Harry and Meghan Markle

WHILE all the talk was on what his American actress fiancée was wearing and that beautiful diamond ring, Prince Harry was also impeccably turned out for his engagement announcement this week.

The 33-year-old played it safe in a blue suit and tie, proving that the blue suit is going nowhere soon.

Try this two-piece blue slim-fit textured suit from Burton now reduced to £69.30, burton.co.uk



GIVE the gift of vibrancy to your face and body in the bitter winter months with Elemis' high performance The Superman collection, £38.

Containing a Deep Cleanse Facial Wash to revive and refresh skin, Sharp Shower Body Wash to awaken and a Daily Moisture Boost, it makes a great gift. Or you could just treat yourself, elemis.com



CLASSIC sportswear brand Lacoste has teamed up with artists Mathias Augustyniak and Michael Amzalag, aka graphic design duo M/M Paris, for an exclusive capsule collection.

The pair have already worked with brands including Yohji Yamamoto and Balenciaga for Nicolas Ghesquière.

The 22-piece collection which reimagines Lacoste's famous crocodile logo, features men's, women's and unisex pieces.

Pictured: Men's L.12.12 thick cotton pique polo shirt, £170, available now at lacoste.com



TAKE 3 NORDIC KNITS

SAVVY
Red/ecru snowflake crewneck £32, Next, next.co.uk



SPEND
Barbour men's cove crew jumper £79.95, Country Attire, countryattire.com



SPURGE
Gant Nordic Fairisle jumper £136, House of Fraser



BEAUTY COUNTER

Add something new to your beauty regime



World-class skincare

IT'S easy to get stuck in the same old routine with skincare, especially if you've found products that work for you.

But if you fancy branching out, here are five globally-inspired products you may want to consider.

1 SWITZERLAND: Weleda Skin Food

SKIN Food is perfect for when your skin needs some serious TLC. It's specially formulated for dry and rough skin, using all natural ingredients, including rosemary, pansy, chamomile and calendula extracts.

This beauty favourite is loved by make-up artists and models alike (they slather it on in-flight to ward off dry skin) and it's been around for 90 years - you can't get a better endorsement than that, can you?



Weleda Skin Food £10.95, weleda.co.uk

Looking for something more 'worldly' from your skincare? Check out these products from around the globe says **TAYLOR HEYMAN**

2 NEW ZEALAND: Manuka Doctor Honey Eye Oil

THIS New Zealand favourite is made with manuka honey and nourishing plant oils, including marula, inchi and kukui.

The cool roller applicator feels like placing cool cucumbers under your eyes, and the product itself awakens tired eyes and reduces bag by providing much-needed moisture.

3 AUSTRALIA: What Skin Needs Hydrating Facial Serum

THIS facial serum is a saviour for stressed-out skin. Incredibly light

4 SOUTH KOREA: Skinfood Black Sugar Honey Mask

KOREAN beauty products are so hot right now, so who better to trust than a brand that's been around for more than 60 years?

The honey mask smells divine, and its syrupy texture is easy to spread onto skin. The result is fresh, hydrated skin, which smells of



and scented with a fresh lemony fragrance, it sinks in easily, leaving skin dewy, rather than greasy.

According to its makers, the secret is an ingredient derived from the centipeda cunninghamii plant (otherwise known as old man weed), called plantolin.

Aboriginal people have used this ingredient for centuries to soothe skin and promote healing and repair.



What Skin Needs Hydrating Facial Serum £16.19 (currently reduced from £17.99), shipleyhealthstore.co.uk



Skinfood Black Sugar Honey Mask £13, Boots



out my stuff on a plane table, or in a plane bathroom, with things falling everywhere."

When the cosmetics range landed at Boots last month the palette sold out in hours, but it has been restocked and the GigiXMaybel-

line collection - which also includes lipsticks, mascara, liquid eyeliner, strobing liquid, lip liners and a contour palette is now on sale at Boots.

The range will also be available at Asos.com and Superdrug stores from November 29.

2 NEW ZEALAND: Manuka Doctor Honey Eye Oil

THIS New Zealand favourite is made

Want to look like a jet-setting supermodel?

SUPERMODEL Gigi Hadid recently unveiled her new Maybelline collection and she reveals that she created her 'whole face in one product' Jet-setter palette, £29.99, for selfish purposes.

'I just thought about all the make-up I throw into my travel bag. It's always annoying to take

honey for a long while after the mask is washed off.

5 UNITED KINGDOM: Olverum Bath Oil

IF YOU'RE looking for a cult product that hails from a bit closer to home, you need to try Olverum Bath Oil. Created by the founder of the company in the 1930s, the formulation remains almost completely unchanged.



Olverum Bath Oil £29, amazon.co.uk

This natural oil gives you baby soft skin, without leaving your bath looking like the scene of an oil slick. An added bonus is the combination of ten essential oils - including lavender, lemon peel and Siberian fir needle - which help aid a good night's sleep.



■ AS WE hurtle headlong towards Christmas we are awash with gorgeous beauty goodies, which we know we are supposed to be buying as gifts, but really quite want to buy for ourselves.

Cases in point Yardley London's English Rose Hand Cream Cracker, £4, above, (yardleylondon.co.uk), and this Color Wow Christmas Cracker, £10 at feelunique.com which contains a Color Wow Carb Cocktail Bionic Tonic (50ml) for coloured hair.



The crackers would look fab on the Christmas dinner table... or just your own dressing table!

■ RITUALS' new winter limited edition collection, The Ritual of Anahata, contains a blend of ingredients inspired by the ancient chakra philosophy from India.

Anahata, the heart chakra, is home to compassion and kindness and the range contains rosewood - known for its calming properties and pine which helps to reduce stress levels and is an excellent mood elevator.

If you haven't the time to soak in the Ritual of Anahata Bath Oil (£13.50) or to slather yourself in the Body Cream (£19.50), get a quick hit with the Foaming Shower Gel (£8.50) which, on contact with water, transforms from gel to a luxurious foam. Oh, and it smells amazing, rituals.com



CELEB SECRET

THE newly blonde Selena Gomez, right, showed off a sexy look at the American Music Awards last earlier this month.



Her make-up was the work of Hung Vanngo, global artistry ambassador for Marc Jacobs Beauty. He achieved Selena's perfect pout using Le Marc Creme in Slow Burn (£25), getting the look by dabbing it on with his fingers rather than using a brush.

The 25-year-old's youthful flush was enhanced with a sweep of Air Brush Soft Glow Duo in Flesh & Fantasy (£28).

See marcjacobsbeauty.com

FAMILY HEALTH

Don't guilt mums about breastfeeding for longer

WHEN it comes to breastfeeding, it seems everyone has an opinion, whether they're a parent or not. We're generally told that if we can, then we should breastfeed, but some women who breastfeed past a certain point receive a negative reaction.

The World Health Organisation recommends all babies be exclusively breastfed for six months, then gradually introduced to appropriate foods, while continuing to breastfeed for two years or beyond.

Many mothers decide to stop much sooner than the two-year mark however, when their baby develops teeth, or they go back to work, or find that their child loses interest when solid food is introduced. But some choose to continue.

The breastfeeding benefits are undisputed – it's associated with increased protection from infection and diseases for the infant, and reduced risk of breast and ovarian cancer for mother, among other things – but there is confusion around how long those benefits continue, and whether breastfeeding 'beyond two years' is the best approach.

"There is no research which shows that breastfeeding beyond infancy is in any way harmful," says Anna Burbidge, from La Leche League GB. "There is no specific age at which children should wean."

So, what are the potential benefits of what pro-breastfeeding groups call 'full-term' nursing?

BREASTFEEDING CAN PROVIDE COMFORT AND SECURITY, EVEN AS A TODDLER

"BREAST milk maintains nutritional value as well as emotional benefits, however old a baby is," says Anna. "Although as a child grows, nursing is no longer the main food source for him, he still has a need for the warmth and security and breastfeeding can often meet a child's needs more completely and easily than anything else."

"Breastfeeding can provide feelings of love, comfort and protection," she adds. "Allowing a toddler to nurse (or wean) at his own pace is an expression of trust that contributes to his self-esteem, and children love the comfort and security."

Sue Jameson, senior breastfeeding tutor at parent

Mothers who choose to nurse for longer are often criticised – but is this fair?
LAUREN TAYLOR speaks to supporters about 'full-term' breastfeeding



Comfort and security: There's no set age when children should wean

BREASTFEEDING FULL-TERM IS THE NORM IN MANY COUNTRIES

CLARE MORRISON, GP at online doctor and pharmacy Med Express, says:

"Breastfeeding to between two and four years old, while unusual in Western countries, is the norm in the third world, and was quite natural throughout human civilisation."

Sue says we should look to the example set by Scandinavian countries, where breastfeeding in general is more common.

"Denmark, Norway and Sweden all have high initiation figures – 98% of mothers breastfeed."

"That's what we should be looking to replicate."

PHYSICAL BENEFITS DON'T STOP BECAUSE A CHILD GETS OLDER

"WE KNOW from all the research that all breast milk is good at any stage," says Sue. "Breast milk is good and it's normal – it provides a stable base, it builds the immune system, it's about reconnecting. Breastfeeding carries a lifelong health advantage and (the benefits) continue to well past the period of feeding." She adds: "We're looking for

support charity Cuidiuu, adds: "Some mums call it their secret weapon – it's emotional nourishment as well as physical nourishment. It continues to reaffirm that a child's needs will be met (even) as they get bigger, at times of worry or upset."

Anna adds: "It is sometimes thought that there is a point where breast milk no longer offers any benefits, but this isn't accurate.

"Human milk continues to complement and boost the immune system for as long as it is offered. During the weaning process, the composition of human milk adjusts to meet the needs of the growing child so that, although the volume is decreasing, an appropriate level of nutrients remains present and immunological protection is not compromised."

NATURAL WEANING IS BETTER THAN FORCING INDEPENDENCE

THE main issue charities want to reinforce is that it's all about doing what comes naturally.

Anna says: "It's sometimes suggested that breastfeeding an older child leads to them being overly dependent on their mother, but we know of no evidence to support this suggestion, whereas there is evidence that it aids in

There is no specific age at which children should wean.

Anna Burbidge, La Leche League GB

growth towards independence.

"It's a natural process for children to outgrow breastfeeding on their own, letting them grow at their own pace. Independence can't be forced upon a child before he is ready to assume it.

"Natural weaning allows for differences in children."

SOME WOMEN ONLY STOP BREASTFEEDING EARLY BECAUSE OF SOCIETAL PRESSURES

"THERE is definitely societal pressure put on women to stop breastfeeding when everyone else does, rather than do what feels natural and works for them and their child," says Clare. "This is probably because people aren't used to seeing older children being breastfed, particularly beyond the age of two. The length of time a mother breastfeeds is very much a personal decision, and all mums should be supported and encouraged to do what suits them."

EACH WOMAN AND CHILD IS UNIQUE
THE charities won't suggest an age at which women 'should' feed until, because what women don't need is any extra pressure around the issue of breastfeeding, and what works for one person doesn't always work for another.

"Breastfeeding forms part of the unique relationship between a mother and child and will not be the same experience for everyone," Anna says.

"Breastfeeding continues to offer benefits to mother and child, both to their health and mental and emotional wellbeing, for as long as it continues."



by **DR ALEXANDRA PHELAN**

IF YOU'RE noticing more hair on your pillow in the morning or you're increasingly catching sight of thinning patches on your head, you're not alone.

Hair loss may seem frightening, but it's actually more common than you might think and there are a multitude of causes.

Experiencing it needn't be something to be ashamed of – and there are steps you can take to soften the emotional blow that often comes with hair loss. There's also plenty of information and support out there as to how to treat hair loss, and you do have options.

If you are still feeling in need of some extra support, there are steps you can take to boost your confidence:

ACCEPT HELP FROM FRIENDS AND FAMILY
BE open about your hair loss with those closest to you and confide in them how it makes you feel. Explain how they can be there for you and what type of support you may need.



Losing hair is nothing to be ashamed of

ATTEND A SUPPORT GROUP

YOUR family and friends may always be there for you, but when you're trying to deal with hair loss, having a great support network around you with people going through the same thing can work wonders.

TALK TO YOUR HAIRDRESSER

DISGUISE a thinning or bald spot with a new cut, shape or colour. Your hairdresser should be able to offer advice on the best course of action and you could leave the salon with thicker-looking hair.

TRY A WIG AND OTHER COVER-UPS

IF YOU'RE really struggling to accept your altered appearance, wigs and hair extensions are an option many people feel comfortable turning to.

TALK TO A PROFESSIONAL

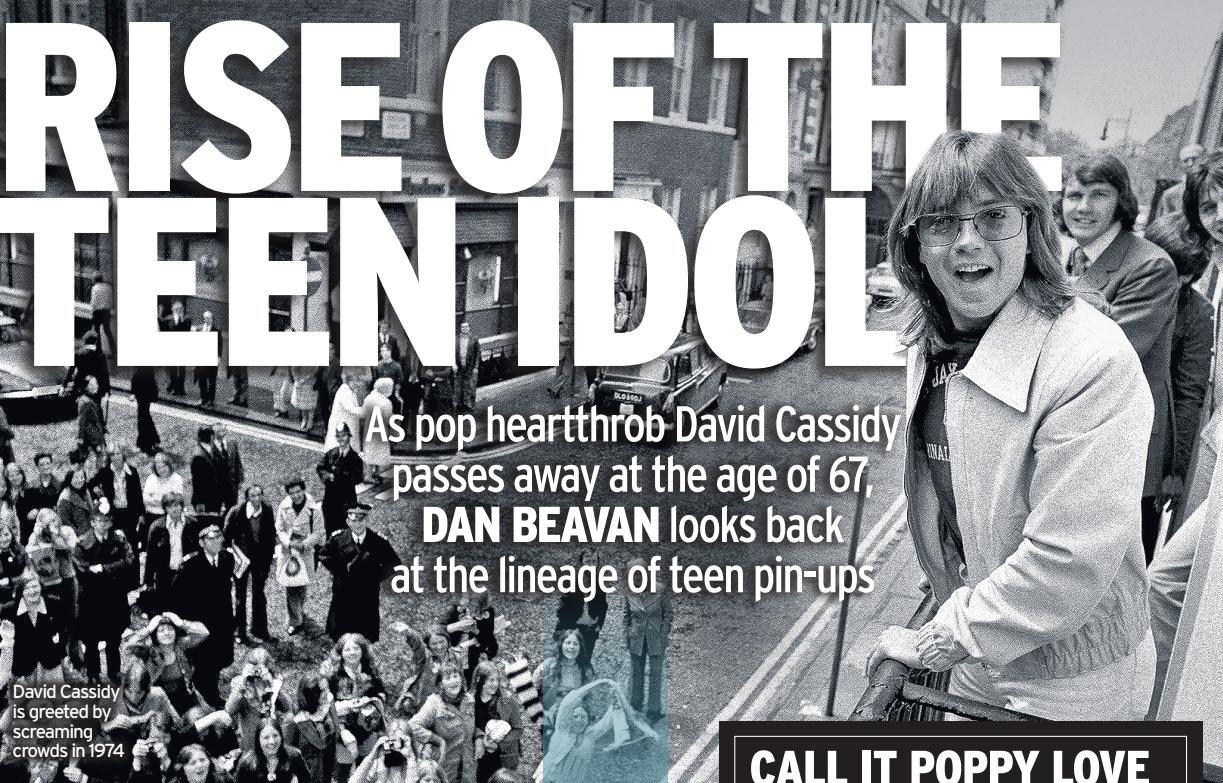
THIS is an avenue to explore if you find you're losing sleep over your hair loss. Medically speaking, there are repeat prescription options and other treatments available, which you should talk to your GP or online doctor about to find an option best suited to you and find out what is applicable in your case.

The most important thing to acknowledge, is that hair loss is very common and no one should feel ashamed or stressed about it.

Managing hair loss isn't an easy task – but in most cases it's completely natural and there are things you can do to ease its impact and carry on enjoying life.

■ Dr. Alexandra Phelan is an NHS GP and Online Doctor for Pharmacy2U. Manage your repeat prescriptions by going to www.pharmacy2u.co.uk/NHS

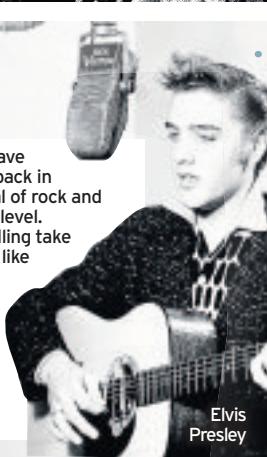
PAST TIMES



David Cassidy is greeted by screaming crowds in 1974

KING'S LANDING

FRANK SINATRA may have been the first teen idol, back in the 1940s, but the arrival of rock and roll took things to a new level. Elvis Presley's hip-swivelling take on country-blues landed like an atom bomb in the buttoned-down 50s, leaving polite popsters like Bobby Darin trailing in his wake. The former truck driver from Tupelo had changed the face of popular music.



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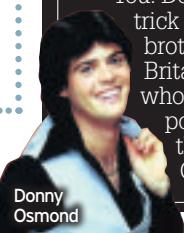
X APPEAL

THE dominance of The X Factor has brought a conveyor belt of teen sensations... making pin-ups out of the likes of Olly Murs and the boys in Simon Cowell's tousle-haired pop juggernaut One Direction. Niall Horan, Liam Payne, Louis Tomlinson, Harry Styles and Zayn Malik even conquered the U.S with hits like *What Makes You Beautiful*, before Zayn made a bid for solo glory. The rest of the band followed suit, with Harry Styles, pictured below, currently looking the most likely to emerge as the George Michael from this particular crowd of Andrew Ridgeleys.



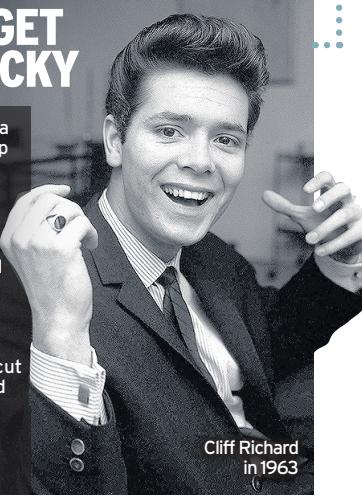
CALL IT POPPY LOVE

IN THE 70s, if you weren't into space rock (David Bowie) extended guitar freak outs (Pink Floyd) or bearded, country balladry (The Eagles) your musical options were slim. Cue a slew of wholesome, handsome young crooners, replete with Farrah Fawcett haircuts and smiles wider than their collars. David Cassidy parlayed TV stardom in *The Partridge Family* into a string of pop hits, including *I Think I love You*. Donny Osmond pulled off a similar trick after finding fame with his brothers' band, The Osmonds. Britain's answer was David Essex, who went from West End star to pop poster-boy with hits like the remarkably prescient *Gonna Make You a Star*.



THINGS GET A BIT ROCKY

THE 60s was the era of rock. The solo pop star was largely out of vogue as newly discerning music fans thrived to the more experimental sounds of guitar-led groups like The Beatles, The Rolling Stones and Cream. But there were exceptions. Clean-cut Cliff Richard scored hits with jaunty numbers like *The Young Ones* and *Congratulations*.



Cliff Richard in 1963

1990s NOW

NSYNC OR SWIM

THE rise of the boyband meant no shortage of options for teen girls to decorate their bedroom walls with. For those who liked some Australian beef with their pop cheese, Peter Andre fitted the bill. A killer one-two punch of defined abs and cod-reggae made *Mysterious Girl* a hit. In the US, former Mickey Mouse Club host and NSYNC star Justin Timberlake became the pop prince du jour.



NICK'S WASHED UP

THE 80s saw pop complete its resurgence, producing a string of pin-ups to grace the cover of *Smash Hits*. Not all of them had staying-power. Ex-Wham frontman George Michael went on to legendary status, while Nick Kamen is better remembered for streaking in a laundrette (in a Levi's ad) than his hit *Each Time you Break My Heart*.



George Michael

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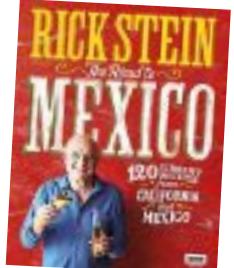
(Serves four as a starter or part of a mezze)
2 aubergines
4tbsp olive oil
175g feta cheese
175g ricotta cheese
Small handful flat leaf parsley, chopped
5-6 rasps freshly grated nutmeg
10 turns from the black pepper mill
1.5tbsp capers, chopped
To serve:
100g mixed rocket, watercress and baby spinach
Juice of 1/2 lemon
2tbsp extra virgin olive oil
Seeds from 1/2 pomegranate
Salt and pepper

METHOD:

1. Cut the aubergines lengthwise into slices about 5mm thick. You should get about six slices from each aubergine.
2. Brush the aubergine slices on both sides with oil and grill them in batches on a barbecue or griddle

pan for three to four minutes on each side until browned, tender and pliable. Set them aside.
3. Mash the feta and ricotta in a bowl with a fork and add the parsley, nutmeg and black pepper. Stir in the capers.
4. Spoon a generous tablespoon of filling on to the wide end of each aubergine slice and roll it up like a Swiss roll.
5. To serve, arrange the salad leaves on a platter, dress them with lemon juice and olive oil, then season.
6. Arrange the aubergine rolls on top, seam-side down, and decorate them with pomegranate seeds. Serve at room temperature as a starter or part of a mezze.

I love Mexican food. It's so in your face



RICK STEIN, seafood authority, celebrity chef and restaurateur extraordinaire – a man who's travelled the world eating and collecting traditional cooking techniques, magpie-like – claims to be "only a very, very enthusiastic amateur when it comes to Mexican food".

Flicking through his latest cookbook, *The Road To Mexico*, which has a BBC TV series to accompany it, 'amateur' is not the word one would reach for.

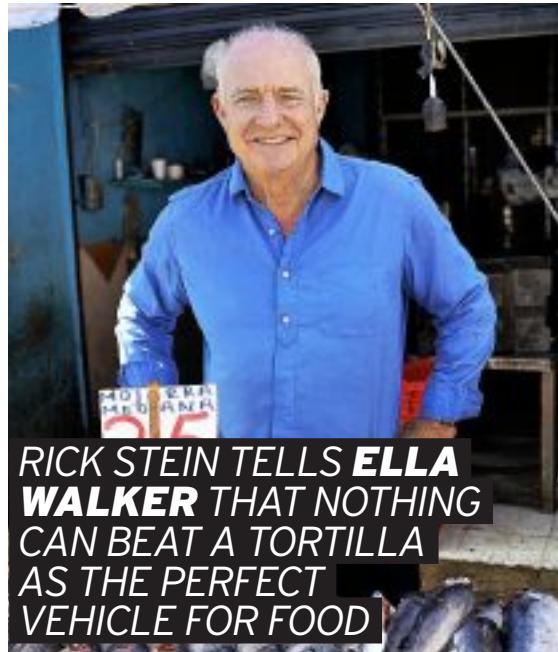
'Enthusiastic,' however, is pretty spot on.

The 70-year-old, usually synonymous with Cornwall's Padstow ('Padstein' to the locals), retraced a journey he took as a hungry 21-year-old in 1968, through Mexico and into California. Although this time, instead of hitchhiking, he travelled in a rather lovely, powder blue convertible Ford Mustang.

He remembers how, despite tucking into the odd batch of Indian food in Sixties England, on his original trip, Mexican food "was the first truly foreign and exotic food" he'd ever tasted. "The chilli, the sourness and the freshness of everything I tried there really struck a note with me," Rick recalls. "It's so in your face."

The appeal of returning to California was to see how it had moved on and changed, he explains: "I was there in the hippy days, although I wasn't a hippy myself, I hasten to add."

Why not? "Why not indeed? It's funny," he says, recalling a trip to the Haight-Ashbury district in San Francisco, "I'd



RICK STEIN TELLS ELLA WALKER THAT NOTHING CAN BEAT A TORTILLA AS THE PERFECT VEHICLE FOR FOOD

been nervous about smoking acid or taking anything. My wife [Sarah Burns] later said, 'You must have been the only person aged 21 in Haight-Ashbury at that time not to have smoked a joint.' Haha!"

Rick's enthusiasm for Mexican food really is boundless, whether its fresh ceviche ("The way they make it in Mexico is so special"), Wahaca cheese ("They make it by pulling the cheese into longer and longer strands, and then roll it up like knitting wool into a

ball"), or stuffed and refried tortillas called panuchos – the best of which he ate at a Holiday Inn in Campeche.

He says we often misconstrue the cuisine and mistake it for something it's not; nachos and fajitas for instance are Tex-Mex, not Mexican. "There are actually a lot of lighter, fragrant dishes; it's not all about loads of meat, cheese, cream and tortillas – it's much more varied than that."

Rick also finds the ways Mexicans eat fascinating.

The Road To Mexico by Rick Stein (pictured left), with photography by James Murphy, is published by BBC Books, £26

"Breakfast is a remarkable meal in Mexico – a bit like it is in Britain, actually." He quotes the late playwright Somerset Maugham, who wrote that "the best way to eat in England is to eat breakfast three times a day."

"I love going into a big open courtyard in tropical Mexico, there are birds flying in and out, big tables and Mexican families sitting down to breakfast with lots of lovely cinnamon coffee and plates of huevos in various shapes and forms. Motuleños is my latest thrill, which is fried eggs with peas, ham, and salsa, and chilaquiles, where they chop yesterday's tortillas into segments and deep fry them, and do them with fried eggs and chilli sauce."

Then there's the street food, which Rick calls "among the best in the world" and describes as hinging on family, history and culture. The tacos in particular.

"They have a bit of meat, a lot of tomatoes, lettuce, onions and often avocado, then there's chilli, salsa and radish in there – tacos are really balanced. The only fattening thing about them is you do tend to eat too many because they're so bloody scrumptious. You say, 'I'll have three,' and end up having nine. I just find them a very, very agreeable way of eating."

"A tortilla is a perfect vehicle for holding street food," he adds. "It's an instant wrapper – you don't need boxes, you just pick one up and eat it. That and a beer or two is perfection for me."

IF YOU'RE inviting friends round for a quiet Christmas celebration, or planning a "stand in the kitchen and ignore the sofa" party, then you'll be looking for drinks ideas. Here goes...

NICE AND EASY WINES:

■ **Vignobles Roussellet Pinot Noir** (£4.49, Aldi, 12.5% abv): I poured this red in a wine tasting and it went down a treat. It has bright jammy fruit, is easy-drinking and look at that price.

■ Taste the Difference

Bordeaux Rosé (£7, Sainsbury's, 12.5% abv): A lovely pink. Made from merlot, it has a nose full of red fruits, strawberries and a hint of tropical fruit.

■ **Fruity White** (£5, Spar, 13% abv): Ignore Spar wines at your peril, they've brought out a new

RAISE A GLASS

WITH JANE CLARE



range (more on that in the New Year). This is a simple South African white, billed as "smooth and mellow", made from chenin blanc. It's a kitchen party pourer.

FESTIVE FIZZLERS:

■ **Martini Prosecco** (£10.78, Asda – although I've seen it on rollback for £7, 11.5% abv): A pretty prosecco with Martini branding that might be overlooked in that prosecco "space". It has uncomplicated aromas of apple and pear and a citrus kick in the mouth.

■ **Borgo Molino** (£9.99, The Co-op, 11% abv): You can buy this wine in a gift pack for £14.99, with truffles, to take along as a gift for your hosts. This dry prosecco has notes of green apple and a citrus bite.

■ **BELTING BEERS:**

■ **Hobgoblin IPA** (four for £6 in Asda, also sold in The Co-op and Morrisons): This is a new launch. I'm told IPA drinkers nowadays are more likely "to be female and younger" though if younger than me, I don't know. It's a copper-coloured brew created from English hops Fuggles and Goldings.

■ **Meantime Chocolate Porter** (£23 for 12, meantimebrewing.com, or £1.99 each, Waitrose): A dark beer with four different

roasted malts, matured with real chocolate. There's definitely chocolate on the nose! This robust beer will work well with party-time spicy dishes such as a chilli.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT:

■ **Monkey Shoulder** (£27 at Tesco, widely available elsewhere): The name "monkey shoulder" refers to a time when maltmen turned barley by hand, causing their arm to tire and hang down like a monkey's. It's a blend of three single malt whiskies and has notes of vanilla, orange and a spicy bite. Check out party cocktail recipes at monkeyshoulder.com

■ **Ramsbury Vodka** (£34.55, masterofmalt.com): A super-special gold medal-winning single

estate vodka. Ramsbury grow the wheat on their chalk down in Wiltshire, combine it with water from their land, and distill. The nose is rich with vanilla, it has a creaminess and a good weight. Ice is all it needs and perhaps a slither of orange peel.

A CREAMY FLOURISH:

■ **Amarula** (RRP £12.50, widely available): This isn't as "gunky" as some more familiar creams and is just as tasty over a drop of ice. The base spirit is made from the fruit of the Marula tree in South Africa. Check out amarula.com for recipes.

■ Jane is a member of the Circle of Wine Writers. Find her on social media and online as One Foot in the Grapes.

INGREDIENTS

(Serves 8)
225g plain flour
Pinch salt
170g cold, unsalted butter, cut into 1cm cubes
80ml ice-cold water

For the filling:

500g rhubarb, cut into 6cm long batons (save any trimmings)
Finely grated zest of an orange
200g granulated sugar

Pinch salt

Juice of 1/2 an orange

1tbsp muscat dessert wine

30g unsalted butter, melted

30g caster sugar

2tbsp sugar, for the glaze

To serve:

Vanilla ice cream or whipped cream

METHOD:

- In a food processor, pulse the flour and salt. Add the butter and process briefly. Sprinkle over the ice-cold water and pulse for about five seconds, until just moistened.
- Transfer the dough to a floured work surface and knead it two or three times until it comes together. Pat the dough into a disc. Lay a



sheet of baking parchment and dust it with flour. Roll out the dough like a pizza to make a 35cm circle, 4-5mm thick. Transfer the parchment to a baking sheet and chill the pastry.

- Preheat the oven to 220°C/Fan 200°C. Toss the rhubarb in a bowl with the orange zest, sugar, salt, juice and wine and mix well.
- Arrange the rhubarb on top of the pastry and sprinkle over any remaining sugary mixture.
- Leave a border of 5-6cm around the edge of the pastry, fold that in and crimp to form a border.
- Brush the fruit with

TANGY TREAT

RHUBARB
GALETTE

melted butter and sprinkle with caster sugar, then repeat this process three times.

- Bake the galette for 10-12 minutes, then lower the oven temperature to 200°C/Fan 180°C and bake for a further 30-35 minutes.
- To make the glaze, cook the rhubarb trimmings with 75ml of water until soft. Strain the liquid from the pulp and add the two tablespoons of sugar. Pour this back into the pan and let the sugar dissolve, then reduce to a thick syrup.
- Leave the galette to cool, then brush it with the glaze. Serve with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream.

INGREDIENTS

(Serves 6)
12 x 15cm corn tortillas
600g cod fillet
100g plain flour, seasoned with pinch of salt and 6 turns from the black pepper mill
1L corn or vegetable oil

For the batter:

200g plain flour
1/4tsp salt
1/2tsp baking powder
275ml ice-cold beer

For the toppings:

1/4 small white cabbage, finely shredded
1 avocado, stoned, peeled and diced
Hot chilli sauce, such as Cholula or Huichol

For the pico de gallo salsa:

2 large ripe tomatoes, deseeded and diced
1/2 onion, finely chopped
A handful of coriander, chopped
1 green serrano or jalapeno chilli, finely chopped
1/4tsp salt
Juice of 1/2 lime

For the chipotle crema:

2 chipotles in adobo
3tbsp mayonnaise
3tbsp soured cream
Juice of 1/2 lime



TACO TASTIC

FISH TACOS
WITH CHILLI AND
CORIANDER

balloon whisk, incorporate the beer until you have a smooth batter. Set aside.

- Cut the fish into fingers about 1cm thick. Heat the oil in a large pan to 190°C. Dip a few pieces of fish into the seasoned flour, shake off the excess, then dip them into the batter. Fry for two to two-and-a-half minutes until crisp and golden.
- Repeat until you've cooked all the fish, draining each batch briefly on kitchen paper to remove excess oil. Sprinkle lightly with salt.
- Serve the fish immediately in warm tortillas, with the toppings on the table for guests to help themselves.

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GETAWAY

In the first of an occasional series, **NIGEL HEATH** sets out on the new Cross Britain walk

WE'RE on the road again," I said to my walking friend Peter as we stood with our backs to Boston's famous 'Stump' church tower early on a chilly November morning.

Ahead lay four wonderful days of walking from the Lincolnshire fens and on to higher ground as we headed for Margaret Thatcher's home town of Grantham and beyond.

Four further weeks walking in the New Year will take us through winter and out in to spring and summer, to the North Wales resort of Barmouth on the Irish Sea.

We were starting a new 280 miles cross-Britain trail created as a fund raiser by the Macmillan cancer charity.

We hoisted our packs onto our backs, took up our walking poles and set forth, soon to pass a cluster of fishing boats on the banks of the River Within estuary.

They were the final echo of the 13th century when Boston rivalled London for trade with Northern Europe.

Beyond Kirton, with its eye-catching metal village sign, we stopped in a café and met a man from the Netherlands who said how lucky we were to have the legal right to roam.

We decided on lunch in the oddly named village of Wigtoft, where our trusty Ordnance Survey map told us there was a pub, but it was nowhere to be found.

As if on cue, a council lorry driver arrived to empty the bins and told us the pub had closed some time ago. Cue our often-used plan B – sandwiches in the nearby parish church porch.

"There are tables inside," invited a lady who'd popped in to borrow the church wheelchair.

We got chatting about the state of the world and she told us the silver lining story of how her ambulance driver son had thrice resuscitated a



Beautiful Lincolnshire



Matthew Flinders and his faithful cat Trim. Right, Boston's famous 'Stump' church tower



we plodded into Donington to meet Matthew Flinders, holding his telescope with his faithful cat Trim at his feet in the market square.

This famous explorer was the first to circumnavigate Australia, charting and naming most of the southern coast, including Cape Donnington, and there are more statues of him 'down under' than any other historic figure, with the exception of Queen Victoria.

The heavens were about to open so we took refuge in the Black Bull, where we were welcomed by a roaring log fire and a friendly crowd of locals. This was just perfect because our B&B was close by and the pub served evening meals.

Early next morning we were back on the trail and again surrounded by vast arrays of crops as we followed a

small lane which our Cross Britain Way guide book told us would eventually end at the South Forty Foot Drain.

But because we were chatting and I wasn't paying attention to the map, we went straight ahead on a sharp bend and ended up in a deserted farmyard with no sign of the substantial waterway helping to drain the fens.

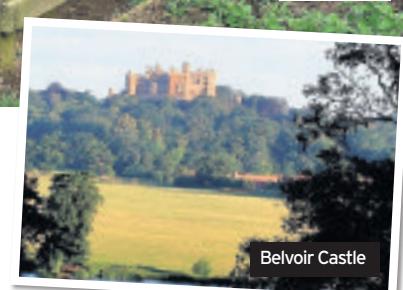
The way now led across more vast tracks of open land, through the picturesque villages of Horbling and Billingborough but the land was rising as we trudged up the long hill to journey's end in Folkingham.

The spreading rays of sunset turned the church clock face to gold as we found our way to our B&B in a magnificently converted barn and – as luck would have it – there was a village pub serving supper.

The following day, with the fens now far behind us, we found our way along quiet lanes and country paths, through Sapperton, where we sat for coffee in the churchyard. There was Ropsley, and finally Old Somerby, where we left the trail to walk into busy Grantham for the night.

By a stroke of luck, our hotel was opposite the Grantham Canal, along which we walked for five miles the following morning to rejoin the trail at Woolthorpe Wharf.

Here, we met Grantham



Belvoir Castle

Canal Society members George Gee, 82, Alan Brown, 68, and supermarket employee Gemma Batalla, 34, from Barcelona, who was about to spend the day clearing weeds.

Journey's end was now in sight and, after passing through Woolthorpe by Belvoir and close by magnificent Belvoir Castle, now a conference and weddings venue, we left the trail to walk into nearby Redmire where we'd arranged for a taxi to take us the 60 miles back to Boston.

Hopefully, we'll be back in January for more small adventures on this wonderful new Cross Britain Way.

NEED TO KNOW

■ **NIGEL HEATH** is following The Cross Britain Way guidebook, published by the Macmillan Ways Association, plus the relevant OS maps.

■ He stayed at The White Hart Hotel in Boston (01205 311900), Browntown House, Donington (01775 822091), The Barn, Folkingham (01529 497199) and Premier Inn, Grantham (01476 850603).



A house in the fens and, right, Peter passes through Kirton



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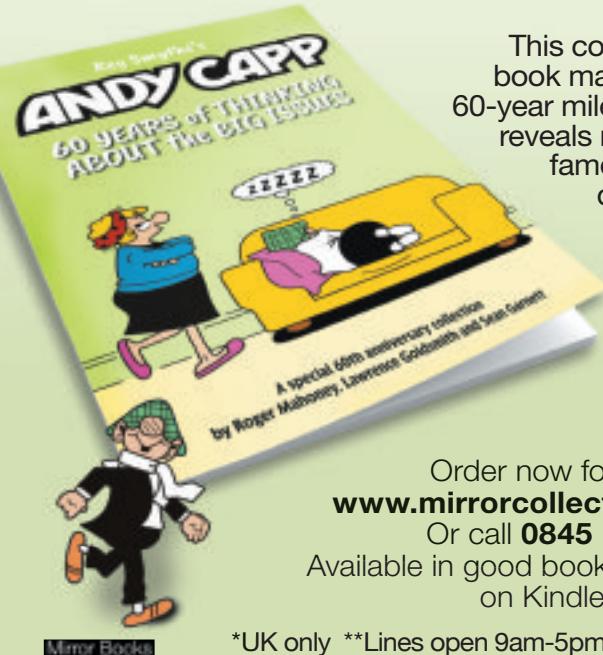
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Pathfinder

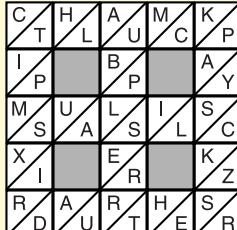
Beginning with the top highlighted letter, follow a continuous path of words associated with the given subject. The trail goes through each letter once, twisting up, down and sideways, but never diagonally.

Reptiles



Split Decision

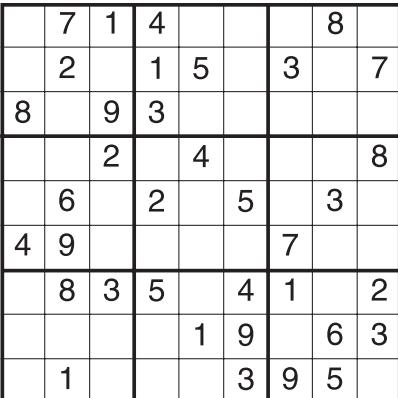
Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.



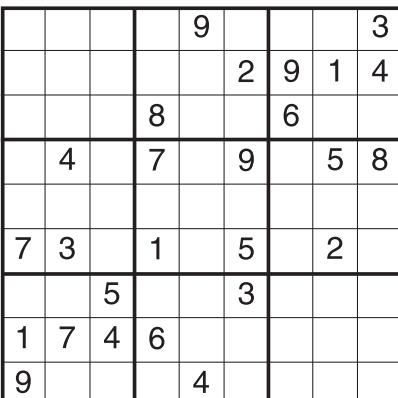
Sudoku

There is one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

Easy



Hard



Two Speed Crossword

This two-speed crossword has two sets of clues, but just one grid. If you can't solve the Cryptic clue, try the Quick.

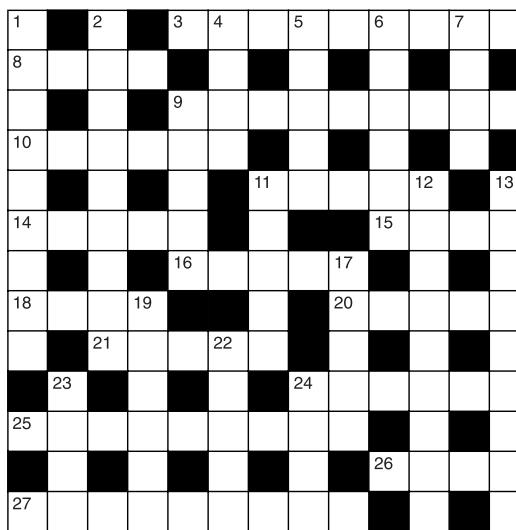
Cryptic

Across

3. Held by the sea for the most part (2,3,4)
8. Half a score surrounded hothead at the time (4)
9. Cause anger because I had a meal wearing fur (9)
10. Keep in touch as I lie thus (6)
11. In haste editor grabbed his horse (5)
14. She gets back atmosphere in the morning (5)
15. Get close and earn for a change (4)
16. Island in which normal tariffs apply (5)
18. A limited period in US would be the end! (4)
20. It has links with article in lower jaw (5)
21. Unhappily dunderhead gives 11 down fresh heart (5)
24. Pain felt by the athletic needlewoman? (6)
25. Point out to five how to make good (9)
26. I fled to this country (4)
27. Erection for spectators has fallen, so withdraw from the contest (5,4)

Down

1. Fellow workman past his best shows neither side can win (9)
2. Menders of broken marriages? (9)
4. No one lost heart but how many remained? (4)
5. Stay continually with hothead and female relative (5)
6. Chaps about to help girl (6)
7. Intolerable beginning, but we get within (4)
9. Winning every trick after one takes to religion (5)
11. She makes a raid (5)
12. Leaving trade pure (9)
13. Cutting worker on ditch (9)
17. Keen article, quaintly pleasing (5)
19. 9 across a theologian in male company (6)
22. Fortified but beaten (5)
23. Sounds to have avoided the fog (4)
24. Moistens up the dish (4)



Scribble pad

Quick

Across

3. On the whole (2,3,4)
8. In that case (4)
9. Annoy (9)
10. Communicate (6)
11. Horse (5)
14. Girl's name (5)
15. Close (4)
16. European republic (5)
18. Name (4)
20. Series of links (5)
21. Sadly (5)
24. Sew (6)
25. Clear (9)
26. Asian country (4)
27. Resign (5,4)

Down

1. Deadlock (9)
2. Menders (9)
4. Not any (4)
5. Frequently visited place (5)
6. Young girl (6)
7. To the interior (4)
9. Religion (5)
11. Sudden attack (5)
12. Leaving (9)
13. Incisive (9)
17. Sharp (5)
19. Anger (6)
22. Spiked (5)
23. Fog (4)
24. Casserole (4)

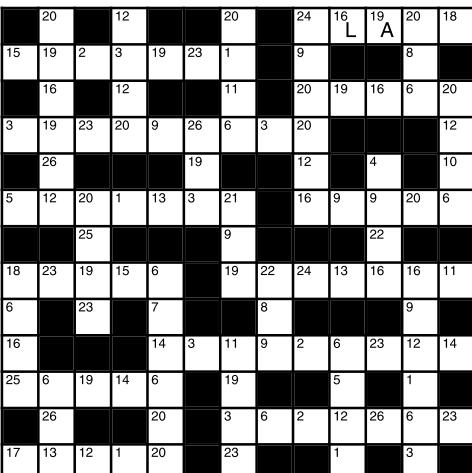
Quiz



Q1 - Tom Burke

Codeword

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.



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Wordsquare

Give yourself ten minutes to find as many words as possible using the letters in the grid. Each word must use the central letter and at least 3 others, and letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns, but verb forms ending in 's' are permitted. There is one 9-letter word to be found.

How you rate:

15 words - average; 25 words - good; 35 words - very good; 40 or more - excellent.



1. Tom Burke and Holliday Grainger starred in which recent three-part BBC1 drama, based on the debut novel by Robert Galbraith, aka JK Rowling?
2. Cape Agulhas is the southernmost point of which continent?
3. Which light silvery-white metallic element has the symbol Mg?
4. What does AIDS stand for?
5. Which fire-retarding fibrous form of certain silicate minerals has white and blue varieties?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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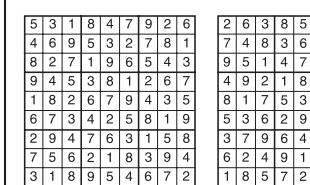
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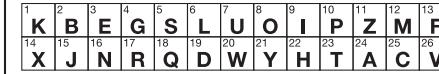
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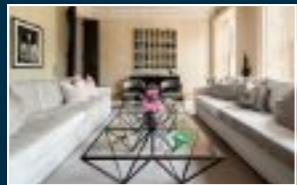
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HEART OF GLASS

If you are searching for a show-stopping feature the answer is clear

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This well-see presented, four-bedroom family home in Harlow is convenient for local railway stations PAGES 38&39



FAMILY HOME IN BYNGHAMS

HOT HOUSE



FAMILY HOME IN A GREAT LOCATION



This spectacular family property has gone on the market in Harlow and it is under £400,000. Park Lane Property Agents are offering this home in Byngham's, Harlow, that is suitable for a large family.

Priced at £389,995, this house comes with a very spacious living room and a dining room that is perfect for entertainment space and four good-sized bedrooms.

At the front, there is a large paved driveway that can fit three to four cars and leads to an integral garage.

The ground floor is covered in oak flooring and the living room is incredibly homely and presented to a very high standard. A feature staircase leads up to the first floor landing and part glazed French doors open to the family and dining area that is connected to a conservatory.

The galley style kitchen has a range of wall and base units and an inset stainless steel sink, an inset gas hob and built-in double oven with storage cupboards over and under.

Upstairs, the family bathroom comprises of a panel shaped enclosed bath, a wall mounted rainfall shower with a glass shower screen, a Vanity style wash basin and a chrome style heated towel rail.

As you step out of the conservatory into the rear garden, a patio leads up to a mainly laid lawn with mature shrub and tree borders and a large summer house at the back.

This property is ideally located close by to Harlow Town and Roydon railway stations which will give you access to London.



SELLING POINTS

Number of bedrooms... 4
Garden... Mainly laid to lawn with patio, shrub and tree borders and a large summer house
USP... Spacious and well-presented family home close to railway stations
Price... £389,995



YOUR HOME

A touch of glass

Want to elevate your living room's elegance and glamour? You can't go wrong with a stunning glass coffee table, writes **LOUISE O'BRYAN**

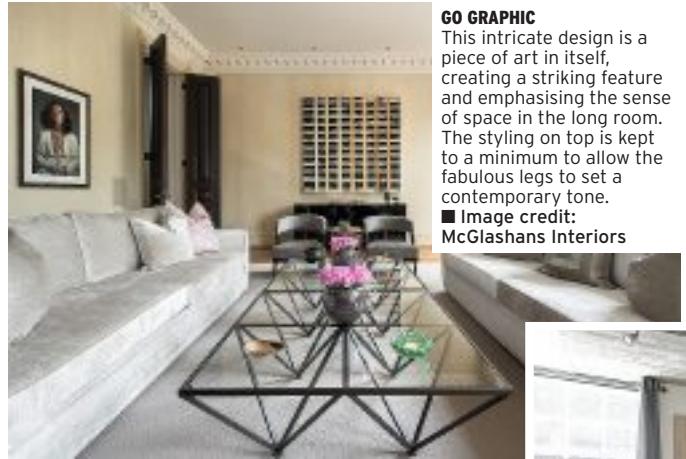
Whether you're looking for a show-stopping coffee table for your living space or you simply want to indulge in some design inspiration, take a peek at these dramatic rooms, which all have one thing in common - a stunning glass coffee table that steals the show.

From large one-off designs to pared-back classic numbers, each one of these striking tables takes the starring



role in their room, not only because of a central spot but because it brings that special something to the space. Sift through these beauties and discover a style that could help you take your living room scheme to the next level.

■ Louise O'Bryan is a Houzz contributor. Visit Houzz.co.uk for more design inspiration and home-improvement advice.



TAP INTO INDUSTRIAL STYLE

Have a room lacking in direction and that needs more focus? Then try choosing a glass coffee table that will make a strong style statement to pull your scheme together without dominating the space.

In this living room, the bold metal frame of the table has a distinctive modern, industrial look that is then echoed in the wall mirror, giving the room instant character and personality.

■ Image credit: Claire Bloom Interiors



TIE THINGS TOGETHER

This elegant glass coffee table instantly captures this living room's grace and finesse thanks to its bold, confident lines.

Note how the table's dark detailing also picks up on the legs of the armchair and the picture frames on the wall; bringing elements together like this is what adds the final polish and is a key detail in creating this smart and sophisticated look.

■ Image credit: The White House Interiors, Simon Maxwell Photography



TRY A TINT

When decorating with dark and earthy colours, stick to similar moody glass tones such as black or brown. This sultry black-glass coffee table has a distinctive 1980s feel and is the perfect addition to the retro-style living space. The dark glass ties in with the inky colours and adds to the warm, cocooning feel of the interior.

■ Image credit: Whilton Locks Carpet Co.



WHEEL IT IN

Love pared-back, Scandinavian style? Then look out for a simple design, such as this minimal piece of glass that has been given a utilitarian touch courtesy of the heavy duty castors. The clean, slick edges of the table capture the calm simplicity of Scandi style, while the robust wheels bring a hint of industrial character that creates a focal point in an otherwise quiet, neutral room.

Tip: castors like these are called 'trolley castors' if you're looking for something similar online. To DIY a similar table, source toughened glass and ask your supplier for advice on attaching the wheels.

■ Image credit: gosto design & lifestyle





STYLE IT TO PERFECTION

Finished with slick chrome detailing, the key to the success of this glass table is the carefully curated pieces on top that set the tone for the room's refined look.

Neat stacks of books create a sense of calm and order, while the linear lines of the display mirror the striking picture gallery on the wall behind.

To complete the look, smart candles and a classic one-colour floral arrangement keep things understated and elegant.

■ Image credit: FLAT15.com



SELECT A SLENDER PROFILE

If you don't want a loud glass coffee table making a big statement, go for a more subtle design that blends in with the backdrop.

This dainty, slim-legged number is a wonderful addition to this pared-back living room, as the warm metal detailing connects all the elements of the room together - the floor lamp, sofa legs and even the mirror tie in beautifully for a reassuringly balanced effect. Slim legs on everything from tables like this to consoles, sofas and beds are a big look right now.

■ Image credit: Shanade McAllister-Fisher Interior Design



PAIR WITH A PARTNER

Take two mid-century classics and double the impact.

Here, the centrepiece is the coffee table - a classic designed by Warren Platner for Knoll in 1966 - minimally styled to be the star, with only that comparably curvaceous green bowl on top.

The side table by the fireplace is by Eileen Gray. In an eclectic room like this, design classics can ensure a little gravitas. They may not come cheap, but a timeless piece will appreciate in value.

■ Image credit: Rikki Snyder Photography rikkisnyder.com



MAKE A STATEMENT

The circular coffee table in this space draws instant focus to the centre of the room thanks to the way it echoes the round light shade hanging above.

The bold circular shapes also bring a dynamic touch to the otherwise sedate room, which could feel a little static and soulless without the dramatic table holding centre stage.

■ Image credit: FISHER iD Interior Design

DOUBLE UP

If you're lucky enough to have a generous amount of space in your living area, a large-scale coffee table is a good option so that it's reachable from every seat.

There is, of course, a limit. In this space, where it could be a bit of a stretch to pop a drink on the table from either sofa, despite the table's generous size, there's a clever and creative solution at play.

Revealed beneath the glass is a low table in a complementary design that can be pulled towards either sofa. The low table also creates a sculptural arrangement that adds interest as well as flexibility.

■ Image credit: Boscolo Interior Design

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IT'S FOR SAIL

The British have a long tradition of converting unusual properties into homes including public toilets, water towers and even wartime nuclear bunkers. But the more eye-catching examples are the small number of windmills that have been converted into residential use.

It is rare to find one for sale ready to move into but one has come on to the market, called Patcham Windmill, overlooking Brighton in East Sussex.

Built in 1885 it was the last windmill to be constructed in Sussex and, extraordinarily given that technology made it largely obsolete as soon as it was built, worked through until

Pictures: Ross D Gumbrell



1924. During the Second World War it was used as a look-out post by the Home Guard and was converted into a home in 1963. During this work its original machinery was preserved largely intact and new sails were later installed, and then replaced in 1990 after a lightning strike.

The current owners have spent a fortune doing up the property, from which there are beautiful panoramic views over Brighton and its coastline.

The windmill includes a kitchen on the ground floor, bedrooms on the first and second floors, bathroom on the third and viewing platform at the top.

Built to the side of the windmill is an octagonal extension with a living room on the ground floor and master bedroom on the second, plus a conservatory at the back.

The property is now for sale through Hamptons International (01273 230230) for £1.38 million.

A HOME THAT'S FIT FOR A KING

King James II had one of the most embarrassing and short reigns of any monarch, it can be argued.

After ascending to the English throne in February 1685 he lasted less than four years before a suspicious protestant nobility – supported by large swathes of the population – fetched his nephew William III of Orange to invade England and kick him out.

But in happier times, when he lived in Scotland while waiting to ascend the throne, James hung out at Illieston Castle in Broxburn to the west of Edinburgh.

Thought to have a history going back 500 years, it was then a hunting lodge used by nobility including several Scottish kings

during the 15th and 16th centuries.

After James was deposed from his English crown and fled to France, Illieston Castle passed back and forth from lords to earls and then, during the 1850s, was renovated by acclaimed architect William Burn.

Over the past nine years the current owners have also restored and upgraded the property, which is approached down a tree-lined avenue. It features a large entrance hall, dual-aspect dining room, original fireplace, sitting room, utility and cloakroom as well as four bedrooms.

Other architectural gems within the castle include a dramatic stone spiral staircase leading to a master suite which is currently being rented out via Airbnb.

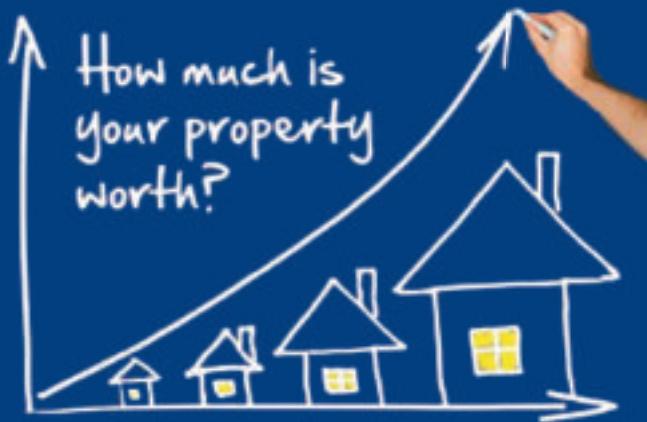
Illieston Castle is for sale at offers over £950,000 via Savills (0131 247 3739).



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British-born Hollywood actor Cary Grant has been dead for over 30 years but his influence as an icon of post-war Hollywood style remains undiminished.

Famed as the archetypal suave leading man, he appeared in over 70 films and starred in a clutch of hits during the 1930s onwards, including *Bringing Up Baby*, *His Girl Friday*, *An Affair to Remember* and *North by Northwest*.

He also had a magnetic personality that easily reached out from the cinema screen, as did his elegance, sophistication and very English sense of humour; several of his best films were comedies.

But he was an intensely private person some-



CARY'S COOL POOL HOME

times troubled by his global fame.

One place where he liked to hide from fans and paparazzi was a pool house in Palm Springs built for him by his friend and hotel magnate Charlie Rich.

Rich built the pool house within a huge luxury estate he owned which included a mansion and three other guest-houses, and Grant lived

there on and off mainly during his marriage to his fourth wife, actress Dyan Cannon.

Their daughter, Jennifer, writes fondly about the property in her memoir, *Good Stuff*.

The entire estate is now for sale with agent Sotheby's International Realty for \$13 million.

More information from TopTenRealEstateDeals.com

THIS HIGH-FLYER IS PICTURE PERFECT



A historic connection between Spitfire planes, the composer Beethoven and *Vogue* magazine would seem like an unlikely one.

But it exists within this former industrial building. It was originally the home of a famous piano manufacturer then, during the Second World War, the factory was converted to wartime production and is where canopies and propellers were made for the Supermarine Spitfire fighter.

After the war its owner Chappell & Co returned to making pianos, but by 1970 had lost out to cheaper instruments made in the Far East.

During the 1970s and 1980s the premises became a studio complex for photographers and modelling agencies and it's here that many photo shoots for *Vogue*, *Tatler* and *Harpers & Queen* magazines were completed.

During the late 1990s the property, which is in Camden in London, was bought by developer Hallmark Property Group which, in 2013, began a four-year conversion of the building into 10 loft-style apartments.

That has now been completed and the penthouse has already been sold. Buyers of the remaining properties will enjoy a shared residents' Club Lounge which includes a bar, cinema, pool, a spa area and a gym.

Its history and luxurious surroundings do not come cheap. Prices at Chappell Lofts start at £3.25m and rise to £8.5m. More information from joint agents Savills (020 3425 5615) or Aston Chase (020 77214 4724).



RENTED THIS WAY

Lady Gaga fans who want to rent one of the most luxurious Airbnbs in the world next time they go on holiday now have the perfect opportunity.

Desert Mediterranean Estate in Rancho Mirage, south of Palm Springs in California, is where the Bad Romance singer stayed when performing at this year's Coachella Festival nearby. The house was rented to the singer for free by Airbnb.

The festival takes its

name from the Coachella Valley in which Palm Springs and neighbour Desert Springs are found. The area is famous as a playground of the rich and famous and includes luxury golf courses plus hiking, biking, horse riding and tennis facilities.

Fans wishing to follow in Lady Gaga's footsteps must, unlike her, pay to rent the house which is only available a few months of the year

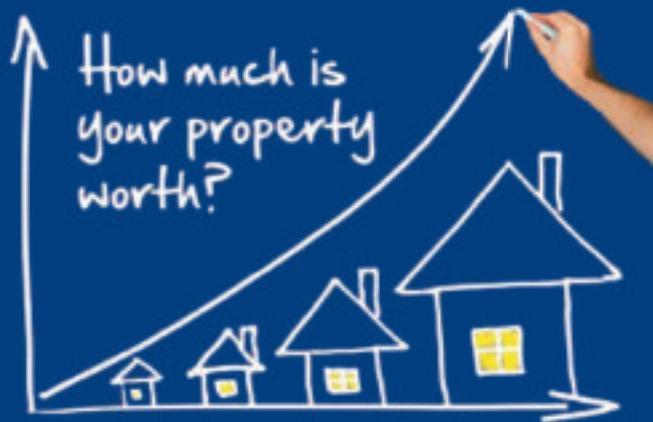
and costs £7,785 a night.

It's a sizeable compound within a 1.23-acre plot that includes 9,500 sq ft of living space that comfortably accommodates 16 people, so per person it's £486 a night. The price tag includes six bedrooms, five-and-a-half bathrooms, a gym, air conditioning, a vast kitchen, huge fireplace, outdoor lounge and swimming pool. For details: airbnb.co.uk

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YOUR GARDEN

With Diarmuid Gavin

Autumn is the season we pay homage to the beautiful and dazzling colours that deciduous trees display in their leaves. Fiery oranges of prunus, the scarlets and crimson of maples, rosy pink Cercidiphyllums, coppery beech leaves and yellowing birch foliage make a vivid tapestry.

But once the leaves have dropped and the stems are bare, our attention is drawn to the evergreens which provide much of the beauty of our winter landscapes.

So this week, we celebrate plants that tough it out for winter, retaining their foliage and giving structure and interest all year round.

Normally I'd include box, but between caterpillars and disease it's suffering so much it might need chemical introduction to keep it going.

However, there are many suitable alternatives to it such as yew, Ilex, euonymus and phillyrea, depending on whether you require a hedge or want some topiary shapes.

Here's a selection, a mix of the familiar and some new twists on old favourites.

Daphniphyllum macropodum is a large evergreen shrub whose leaves you might mistake for a rhod.

You won't get showy flowers however, just super elegant dark green foliage that hangs downwards to reveal bright red leaf stalks and flushed pink juvenile leaves that point upwards in spring. It's a real statement plant.

Euphorbia is such a diverse family, from our native woodland spurge to the Christmas poinsettia.

There are also wonderful evergreen shrubs in this family, notably Euphorbia mellifera and E. x pasteurii, a relative newcomer, both of which form perfect dome-shaped shrubs with whorls of leaves and



Chiller thrillers: Evergreens bring life to your garden in winter



delicious honey-scented flowers.

Sarcococca, or sweet box, is a

possible alternative to box, belonging as they do to the same family. The bonus here is the sweetly scented

flowers in winter and, like regular box, it's happy in the shade, even tolerating dry soil. Look out for 'Winter Gem' which is a choice variety.

Never dismiss 'common' plants – they are often widely planted for good reason.

Mahonia is one such, providing architectural interest with its distinctive leaves and sprays of scented lemon-yellow flowers in spring.

'Soft Caress' is a new cultivar, with thornless and slender leaves giving a more oriental and delicate appearance. Great for bringing light to dark spots.

Fatsia japonica, or castor oil, is another familiar plant but is nonetheless dramatic and sculptural in winter. It does well in most soils and is particularly valuable in shady spots.

There is a new introduction, Fatsia

polycarpa, whose leaves are more finely shaped and will bring an exotic feel to the shrubbery.



Check on your forced hyacinths

■ If you are forcing hyacinths for Christmas, have a peep at them to check their growth. Leave them in the dark under black plastic until at least an inch of growth is showing.

■ Plant up hippeastrum bulbs for a delightful display of these exotic blooms.

■ You've probably finished with mowing the lawn but

JOBS FOR THE WEEK

you can give your garden a neater appearance for the winter by cutting the edges with a lawn edger to provide a crisp finish.

■ Warm weather in October and November means there have been quite a few weeds growing so on clement days, try to pull out a few.

■ Tie in climbing roses to prevent wind damage – old nylon tights tied in a figure of eight between the stem and support work well.

■ Prune deciduous hedging but leave evergreen hedges until spring.

■ Clean tools before putting away for winter. Fill a small bucket with sand and oil and dip the metal parts of tools in – this will clean and oil them.



Hyacinths



Try to pull out weeds



Sarcococca

Osmanthus delavayi has small dark green serrated leaves arranged in opposite pairs and makes a great evergreen hedging plant.

Happy in the sun or shade, it does well in most soils. The real secret, however, is the gorgeous aroma from the tonnes of small jasmine-like flowers in spring.

'Heaven Scent' is a new variety worth seeking out.

Astelia looks great throughout winter, so long as it's not in too exposed a position.

It has great sword-like silver leaves that shimmer in winter sunshine. It looks as if it requires full sun but actually is perfect for dappled shade and brightens up dark areas. Dig plenty of humus into the soil to keep it nice and moist.

A careful selection of some choice shrubs can keep your garden alive while other plants hibernate, and will provide you with those Instagram moments when a sharp frost or a dusting of snow creates a winter wonderland.

ASK DIARMUID

Q I have just bought five small pots which contain Japanese azaleas. They are suitable for planting on into larger containers, but I don't know when I should do it.

Is now a good time or should I keep them in a shed until next year?

If so, do I water them during this time? Do they need any special treatment? What compost do I need?

Ellis Edwards

A Hi Ellis. Most evergreen azaleas are hardy but if



you have been keeping these plants indoors, perhaps now is not the best time to introduce them to outdoor life as

weathermen are predicting Arctic weather. Azalea are edge of woodland plants that enjoy acidic soil and dappled sun. You can pot them on now - go one or two pot sizes bigger and be sure to use an ericaceous compost.

Feed them in spring with an ericaceous feed and don't let the compost completely dry out - even in winter.

Ideally water them with rainwater as tap water in hard areas can be alkaline which makes the soil less acidic.

Composted leaves make a good acidic mulch.

PLANT OF THE WEEK

GINKGO BILOBA

This made my day when I spotted it on a suburban London street, resplendent in its bright yellow autumn coat.

Ginkgo, or the Maidenhair tree, is one of those unusual deciduous conifers that drops its leaves in autumn. It is the sole survivor of an ancient family dating back about 160 million years.

It is tolerant of pollution so is used in city planting schemes.

The female produces pungent fruit so if you have room for one, it is recommended that you choose the odourless male variety. It is too big for most gardens at 25 metres when mature. There are dwarf varieties such as 'Troll' available, but I'm not sure they do it justice.



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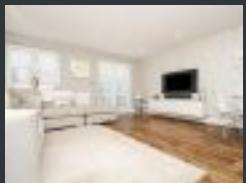
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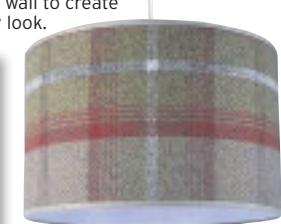


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Recycled 100% wool throw, £27, Marquis & Dawe (marquisanddawe.co.uk)
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Harris Tweed cosy, £25, Folksy (folksy.com)

Give your teapot a Highland fling with this check cosy.



Heather coat hooks, £45, Home Tweed Home (hometweedhome.co.uk / en-gb.facebook.com/ HomeTweedHome)

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- Town Centre


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- Separate Utility Area
- Outskirts of Harlow
- No Onward Chain
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Viewings are Strongly Recommended


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- Three Bedroom Town House
- Own Drive
- Close to Schools & Amenities
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- Good Size Garden
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge & Dining Area


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- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace House
- Good Location
- Modern Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Old Town Location
- Downstairs Shower Room
- Close to Schools


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- Four Bedroom Family Home
- Semi Detached
- Outbuilding to Rear
- Driveway for 3 Cars
- Downstairs Shower Room
- Gas Central Heating
- Side Extension
- Viewing Recommended


LITTLE BRAYS £250,000

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- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Lounge
- Family Bathroom
- Close to All Amenities
- Viewing Recommended


RADBURN CLOSE £285,000

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Close to Harlow Common
- Unoverlooked Garden
- Good Size Lounge Diner
- Gas Radiator Central Heating
- Double Glazed Windows
- Potter Street Location
- Close to Schools & Shops
- Lounge Diner 16'6 x 9'11
- Bathroom & Separate WC
- Viewing Strongly Recommended


BROOKLANE FIELD £360,000

- Three Bedroom Home
- Semi-Detached
- Lounge 12'11 x 11'5
- Diner 10'3 x 7'11
- In Need of Updating
- Bedroom One 11'10 x 10'3
- Bedroom Two 10'1 x 9'6
- Bedroom Three 8'7 x 7'0
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Viewing Recommended


Bentley Drive £349,995

- Three Bedroom End of Terrace Home
- Modern Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking
- Conservatory
- Close to All Amenities


CARTERSMEAD Offers Over £265,000

- Extended Two Bedroom Family Home
- Well Presented Throughout
- Large Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Modern Family
- Shower Room
- Gas Radiator Central Heating
- Double Glazed Windows
- Potter Street Location


LINFORD CLOSE £464,995

- Four Bedroom Detached Home
- Luxury Kitchen
- Stone Tiled Bathrooms & En-Suite
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Family Bathroom
- En-Suite Shower Room to Master Bedroom


Tye Green Village £545,000

- High Specification New Build
- Detached Four Bedroom House
- Facing Onto Private Driveway
- Luxury Kitchen Diner
- Beautifully Modern En-Suite
- Large Bright & Spacious Lounge
- Driveway with Parking for Four Cars


NEWMANS END £2,500 PCM

- 5 Bedrooms
- Must Be Viewed
- Stunning property
- En-suite to Master Bedroom
- Semi Rural Location
- Kitchen/dining room
- Wonderful Views
- Garage & Driveway
- Admin Fees Apply
- EPC Rating D
- Available Now


KINGSLAND £1,100 PCM

- Three Bedroom House
- Modern Property
- Must Be Viewed
- Stunning Family Home
- Large Bedrooms
- White Goods Only
- Local Schools
- * Admin Fees Apply
- EPC Rating D
- Available Now


PEACOCKS £1,100 PCM

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- * Admin fees Apply
- End Of Terrace
- Council Tax Band C
- EPC Rating D
- Close To Local Schools and Shops
- Modern Kitchen/Diner and Bathroom
- Private Area
- Available Now
- Unfurnished


TUNNMEADE £1,050 PCM

- Three Bedroom House
- Unfurnished
- EPC Rating D
- No Pets
- No DSS
- Kitchen/Diner
- Modern Kitchen
- Oven Only
- * Admin Fees Apply
- Available Now


RIVERSIDE COURT £995 PCM

- Two Bed Apartment
- Unfurnished
- Kitchen Appliances Only
- * Admin Fees Apply
- EPC Rating C
- Gated & Intercom Entry
- Balcony Over The River
- Walking Distance To Train Station
- Available Now


LET AGREED
FIR PARK £1,300 PCM

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Some Kitchen Appliances Included
- Modern Property
- Close To All Amenities
- Available January 2018
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£225,000
CHURCHGATE STREET, OLD HARLOW

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- First Floor Apartment
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- EPC Rating: D



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- Kitchen / Diner
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- Mid Terrace
- Chain Free
- EPC Rating: D



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- Three Bedrooms
- Large Kitchen
- Chain Free
- End Of Terrace
- Popular Location
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- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Allocated Parking
- End Of Terrace
- Southern Side Of Town
- EPC Rating: D



OIRO £295,000
MARK HALL MOORS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Excellent Project
- Conservation Area
- End Of Terrace
- Chain Free
- EPC Rating: E



OIEO £330,000
EAST PARK, OLD HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Views Over Fields
- Modern Throughout
- Mid Terrace
- EPC Rating: TBC



£340,000
CHALLINOR, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedroom
- End Terrace
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Garage & Off Street Parking
- Conservatory
- EPC Rating: E



£350,000
LATTON GREEN, HARLOW

- Four Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Updating Required
- Chain Free
- EPC Rating: TBC



£369,995
CANOPY LANE, NEWHALL

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- One Owner Since New
- Downstairs W/C
- Parking For Two Cars
- EPC Rating: TBC



£400,000
FLINT LANE, NEWHALL

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Under Floor Heating
- Sun Terrace
- Parking
- EPC Rating: TBC



GUIDE PRICE: £435,000 - £455,000
CHURCHGATE STREET, OLD HARLOW

- Two/Three Bedrooms
- Large Kitchen/Diner
- Planning Granted
- Semi Detached
- Sought After Location
- EPC Rating: TBC



£475,000
CANNONS LANE, HATFIELD BROAD OAK

- Three Bedrooms
- Village Location
- Views Over Fields
- Detached Bungalow
- Two Receptions
- EPC Rating: TBC



£650,000
THE BARNs, OLD HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Semi Detached
- Walk To Station
- Courtyard Setting
- EPC Rating: E



£945,000
LATTON COMMON, HARLOW

- Five Bedrooms
- Three Receptions
- Private Location
- Gated Entrance
- Detached
- EPC Rating: C

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**£1,000 PCM
RIVERSIDE COURT, OLD HARLOW**

- Two Bedrooms
- Unfurnished
- Idyllic Riverside Settings

• Available Now
• Other Fees Apply
• EPC Rating : D



**£800 PCM
AYNSLEY GARDENS, CHURCH LANGLEY**

- One Bedroom
- Modern Decor
- Allocated Parking

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- Allocated Parking
- Two Bedrooms
- Garden

• Available: Now
• Other Fees Apply
• EPC Rating : C



**£1,050 PCM
TWYFORD ROAD, BISHOPS STORTFORD**

- Three Bedrooms
- Character Property
- Close to Rail Link

• Available Now
• Other Fees Apply
• EPC Rating : E



**£1,200 PCM
FOLD CROFT, HARLOW**

- Three Bedrooms
- Close To Shops
- No Smokers / Pets

• Available Middle November
• Other Fees Apply
• EPC Rating : F



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LITTLE GROVE FIELD, HARLOW**

- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Decor
- Luxury Specification

• Available November
• Other Fees Apply
• EPC Rating : C

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£235,000



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Chamberlain Close
£270,000



VIEWING ADVISED!

Malkin Drive
£435,000



CHAIN FREE

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O.I.R.O - £335,000



MUST BE SEEN!

Wedgewood Drive
£390,000



CHAIN FREE

Rushton Grove
£290,000



MUST BE SEEN!

Old London Road
£495,000



VIEWING ADVISED!

Whieldon Grange
O.I.R.O - £590,000



NEW INSTRUCTION



CHAIN FREE

Coalport Close
£225,000

- A Two Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- CHAIN FREE
- Allocated Parking
- Lounge/Diner
- Security Telephone Entry System
- E.P.C Rating: D



Davenport

£299,950

- A Two Bedroom End Of Terrace House
- CHAIN FREE
- Single Garage & Off Street Parking For One Vehicle
- Open Plan Lounge/Diner
- Within Catchment Area Of Henry Moore Primary School
- E.P.C Rating: D



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£255,000



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O.I.E.O - £270,000



Peterswood
O.I.R.O - £278,995



Ladyshot
O.I.E.O - £290,000



Berecroft

£255,000

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace House
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Kitchen/ Diner
- Ground Floor Cloakroom
- Approx 20ft rear garden
- Awaiting Epc Report



Tanys Dell

O.I.R.O - £ 285,000

- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge
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- Additional Fees - see in branch

£625

Dunstalls

- Three Bedroom House
- 2 Great sized double bedrooms
- EPC Rating - C
- Additional Fees - see in branch

£1,200

Feasants Croft

- 3 Bedroom House
- Fully Furnished
- EPC Rating - D
- Additional Fees - see in branch

£1,200

MORE AVAILABLE

Terminus House, CM20

- Immaculate Studio Flats
- In the heart on Harlow Town
- Fully furnished with brand new appliances
- Additional Fees - see in branch

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LET BY

The Gardiners

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- Spacious living area
- EPC Rating - C
- Additional Fees - see in branch

£850

LET BY

Pennymead

- 4 Bedroom House
- Large double bedrooms
- EPC Rating - C
- Additional Fees - see in branch

£1,500

Fees - Please see in branch for details.



HOME ADVICE

With Alex Neill of Which?

A few simple steps to stop your home becoming a Christmas casualty

BE SAFE THIS FESTIVE SEASON

The countdown to Christmas has started – this week we open the first window on Advent calendars. The shops are already full of decorations so, if you haven't already started,

now is a good time to plan how you will deck your home – and not just with holly.

But if you get it wrong, you could end up with more than just a badly decorated home – you could suffer a conflagration. Fire brigade call outs increase at this time of the year – candles and cards are obvious risks. Cheap electric lights from unknown sources are a second danger – poor quality wiring can easily burst into flames, especially as many leave lights twinkling all night long.

And there is the risk of ladder accidents as we try to reach ceilings to hang decorations but also because of our growing love with decorating our homes outside. Putting ladders on soft earth to reach upper floors can easily turn into a visit to A&E.

But for most, it will be a happy Christmas. First work out your budget. You could spend a fortune – in the United States, some spend several thousand dollars on professional Christmas decoration companies.

Equally, you could spend nothing – many of us re-use decorations and lights

Which?

from previous years.

Then think about what you want to say. Will it celebrate the religious meaning? Or do you want to reflect more distant pagan mid-winter rituals? Or is it simply to say it's party time?

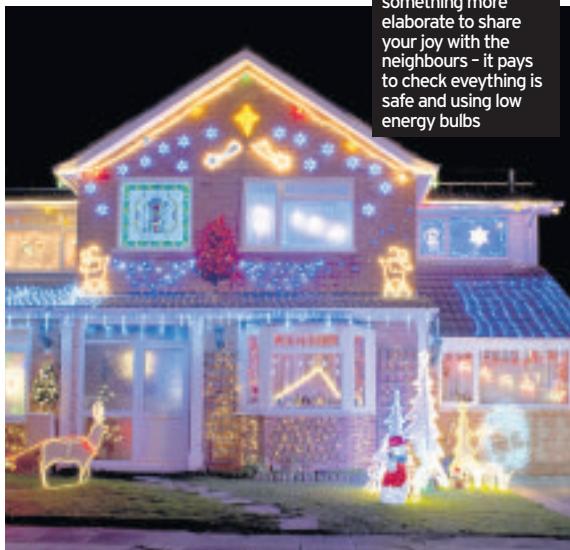
The artificial and real-tree debates is never ending. Artificial trees can be used year after year. Many now come with built-in lights. A 1.5m (5 ft) tree with 200 to 300 LEDs costs about £100 to £120 but trees for smaller spaces start around £40.

Real trees can shed needles and should be recycled after Twelfth Night. Nordman Fir trees, which hardly shed, cost about £30 for a 1m (3ft) version to £100 or so for a 2.5m (8ft) tree for larger homes. Shake the tree first (if needles fall, reject it). Sticky resin on the trunk is a good sign.

LEDs are much more reliable than old-fashioned lighting systems – and use less electricity. The most basic starts around £5 while £10 will cover a small tree or decorate a window. Spend £40 to £50 and you could get enough flashing lights to cover a small house. Expect to pay more for colours.



Whether you go for a simple indoor tree or something more elaborate to share your joy with the neighbours – it pays to check everything is safe and using low energy bulbs



STAYING SAFE

- Be safe. Turn off lights when you go to bed.
- Always leave water for natural trees – cutting the last 5cms (2 inches) from the stem helps. And keep them away from fires and radiators.
- Consider environmental impact. Many decorations cannot be recycled – so use them year after year. Some councils offer tree shredding and composting.
- Never use lights with damaged wiring – electric shocks are not part of Christmas enjoyment. Only use "outdoor" lights for the exterior.
- Never leave lighted candles unattended.
- You might save by buying 2018 decorations in after-Christmas sales.
- WHICH? has online help on Christmas spending.

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- Four/Five Double Bedrooms
- Three/Four Receptions
- Carriage Driveway
- Three Ensuites
- Detached Family Home
- Large Outbuilding
- Well Presented
- EPC Rating: TBC

£799,995



PILKINGTONS, HARLOW

- Five Bedrooms
- Two/Three Receptions
- Loft Extension
- Garage & Driveway
- Detached Home
- Conservatory
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- EPC Rating: C

£474,995



GREENFINCH WAY, NEWHALL

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Garage & Driveway
- Chain Free
- Detached Home
- Balcony To Master
- NHBC Warranty
- EPC Rating: B

£459,995



ALBERT GARDENS, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Four Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
- Well Presented
- Chain Free
- Detached Home
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- EPC Rating: TBC

£454,995



DAVENPORT, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
- Two/Three Receptions
- Driveway
- Dressing Room
- Family Home
- Well Presented
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: C

£399,995



MOSS LANE, NEWHALL

- Three Double Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Sun Terrace
- Driveway
- Link Detached
- Two Receptions
- Ground Floor WC
- EPC Rating: B

£399,995



CORNER MEADOW, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
- Private Development
- Chain Free
- Detached
- Well Presented
- Three/Four Receptions
- EPC Rating: D

£399,995



CHALLINOR, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Private Rear Garden
- Garage & Drive
- Detached House
- Immaculate Home
- En-Suite & W.C
- EPC Rating: D

£384,995



MALKIN DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Immaculate Home
- Garage & Drive
- Linked House
- Ground Floor W.C
- Landscaped Garden
- EPC Rating: C

£380,000



CHALLINOR, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Cloakroom/W.C
- Garage & Driveway
- Link Detached
- En-Suite Shower
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D

£374,995



PYNEST ROAD, HARLOW

- Three bedrooms
- Driveway
- Un-Overlooked Garden
- Popular Location
- Semi Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Ground Floor WC
- EPC Rating: TBC

£369,995



ALBERT GARDENS, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Own Parking
- Semi Detached
- Ground Floor W.C
- Modern Bathroom
- EPC Rating: D

£339,995



LATTON GREEN, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Driveway
- Two Receptions
- Chain Free
- Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- Potential To Extend (STPP)
- EPC Rating: TBC

£339,995



PRIORY COURT, HARLOW

- Four Bedrooms
- Recently Redecorated
- Driveway
- Overlooking Latton Common
- Town House
- Ensuite To Master
- Private Close
- EPC Rating: TBC

£339,995



LITTLE CATTINS, HARLOW

- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge/diner
- Cloakroom/W.C
- Modern Kitchen
- End Of Terrace
- Garage To Rear
- Allocated Parking
- EPC Rating: D

£317,500



GLAN AVON MEWS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Modern Kitchen/Diner
- Well Presented
- End Terrace Home
- Quiet Cul-De-Sac
- Ground Floor WC
- EPC Rating: TBC

£304,995



WILLOWFIELD, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Lounge/Diner
- Chain Free
- End Terrace Bungalow
- Southerly Garden
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: C

£299,995



MALKIN DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
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- Two Receptions
- Modern Kitchen
- Allocated Parking
- End Of Terrace
- Popular Location
- Close To Amenities
- EPC Rating: D

£284,995



**MALKIN DRIVE, CHURCH
LANGLEY**

- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Cloakroom/W.C.
- CHAIN FREE
- Terraced House
- En-Suite Shower
- Parking To Rear
- EPC Rating: C

£284,995



UPPER MEALINES, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Ground Floor WC
- Chain Free
- End Of Terrace
- Extended Property
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D

£274,995



THE DOWNS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Utility Room
- Chain Free
- Terraced Home
- Close To Town Centre
- Modern Kitchen
- EPC Rating: TBC

£274,995



TAYLIFERS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Cloakroom/W.C.
- Chain Free
- End Of Terrace
- Outskirts Of Town
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D

£269,995



HOLLYFIELD, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Ground Floor W.C.
- CHAIN FREE
- Terraced House
- Popular Location
- Long Garden
- EPC Rating: C

£269,995



LONG LEY, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Popular Location
- CHAIN FREE
- Terraced Home
- Modern Kitchen
- Private Garden
- EPC Rating: E

£264,995



FENNELLS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Cloakroom/W.C.
- Chain Free
- Terraced House
- Popular Location
- Outskirts Of Town
- EPC Rating: TBC

£264,995



WILLOWFIELD, HARLOW

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Large Garden
- Ground Floor Wet Room
- Middle Terrace
- Newly Fitted Bathroom
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£254,995



ABBOTSWELD, HARLOW

- Two/Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Chain Free
- End Terrace
- Westerly Garden
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D

£249,995



SOUTHERN LODGE, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Residents Parking
- Warden Assisted
- Chain Free
- First Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Communal Gardens
- EPC Rating: TBC

£229,995



CANOPY LANE, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Chain Free
- Second Floor Apartment
- Popular Location
- Intercom Entry System
- EPC Rating: TBC

£219,995



NEW

COPSHALL CLOSE, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Own Garden
- Chain Free
- End Of Terrace
- Allocated Parking
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D

£199,995



THE CHASE, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
- Decked Courtyard
- Open Plan
- Chain Free
- Apartment
- Ground Floor
- Allocated Parking
- EPC Rating: TBC

£192,500



LITTLE CATTINS, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Juliette Balcony
- Apartment
- Top Floor (2nd)
- CHAIN FREE
- EPC Rating: C

£164,995



SHAWBRIDGE, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
- Well Presented
- Overlooking Green
- Lounge/Diner
- First Floor Maisonette
- Popular Location
- Fitted Wardrobes
- EPC Rating: D

£154,995



REGENCY COURT, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Communal Garden
- Chain Free
- Ground Floor
- Apartment
- Residents Parking
- EPC Rating: D

£149,995



CHURCH END, HARLOW

- Studio
- First Floor
- Fitted Kitchen
- Chain Free
- Apartment
- Popular Location
- Large Store Room
- EPC Rating: D

£119,995



£175,000 SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Priors Court), 1 bedroom first floor apartment in a Grade II listed Maltings building with an extended lease and close to train station. Living room, kitchen, double bedroom and bathroom. Excellent investment opportunity. No onward chain. Sole agents.



£235,000 HIGH WYCH (Orchard Lea), 1 bedroom first floor apartment with balcony set in the Orchard Lea retirement village for the over 55's. Positioned in approximately 20 acres including The Rivers hospital, specialist nursing centre and communal centre, 24 hour call facility and further assistance can be arranged if needed. Call now for further information. Sole agents.



£334,950 BISHOPS STORTFORD (Tanners Wharf), Vacant possession and no onward chain. Ground floor 2 bedroom riverside apartment with its own private decked outside entertaining area, en-suite to master bedroom, further bathroom and a modern fully fitted kitchen. Fantastic views over the River Stort. Short walk to station. Excellent rental potential. Move in before Christmas.



£275,000 BISHOPS STORTFORD (Bells Hill), Stamp Duty exempt for first time purchaser, 3 bedroom recently redecorated cottage in a convenient location, handy for town, station and schools. Courtyard garden and permit parking. No onward chain. Keys available for viewing. Sole agents.



£359,950 SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Burnside), Extended 3 bedroom home which is beautifully presented with a large impressive kitchen/family room, sitting room, 3 bedrooms, modern bathroom, landscaped rear garden and en-bloc garage. 10 mins walk to village centre and ideally positioned for schools. Sole agents.



£549,950 SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Saffron Crescent), 4 bedroom detached modern home overlooking the River Stort. Ideally positioned for schools and just a short walk to the village centre. 3 reception rooms, impressive kitchen/dining room, en-suite shower room plus main bathroom, west facing garden, garage and parking for 3 cars. 15 mins walk to station. Sole agents.



£325,000 LITTLE CANFIELD (Warwick Road), 3 bedroom semi-detached home benefiting from a large open plan kitchen/living/dining area, contemporary en-suite to master bedroom, good size rear garden, detached single garage. No onward chain. Sole agents.



£695,000 SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Great Hyde Hall), Unique 4 double bedroom character home in this exclusive gated estate and only a short walk to the train station. Beautifully maintained grounds with tennis courts, lawned bowls, cricket pitch etc. 3 large reception rooms, large kitchen/breakfast room, utility, en-suite to master bedroom, family bathroom, private courtyard front garden and patio. No chain. Sole agents.



£399,950 BISHOPS STORTFORD (Patricia Gardens), 4 bedroom semi-detached family home close to sought after schools and walking distance of town centre and train station. Large conservatory, south westerly facing rear garden, driveway and parking for several cars. Owners found and ready to move. Must be viewed. Joint agents.



£500,000 LITTLE HALLINGBURY (Dell Lane), Just reduced. Vacant possession. 4 bedroom chalet bungalow with a large garden, detached garage and plenty of parking. Huge potential and room to extend (stp). Country lane location with views over farmland. Viewing advised to realise the full potential. Sole agents.



£512,500 SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Brook Road), 3 bedroom extended family home with a landscaped south facing rear garden plus a driveway and parking for 3-4 cars. Sitting room, large conservatory/family room, kitchen, utility, t.v. room/study, 3 good size bedrooms and a high quality bath/shower room. Sole agents.



£538,950 BISHOPS STORTFORD (Chartwell Place), READY TO MOVE IN TO a 3 double bedroom, 2 bathroom luxury home in a gated development with a kitchen/dining room, utility room, downstairs w.c., study/office, living room, 3 good size bedrooms, en-suite shower room and family bathroom. Ideally positioned for schools and station. Sole agents.



£540,000 SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Bell Street), Highly desirable, newly converted Grade II listed 3 bedroom home with stunning interior in a village centre location. Large kitchen/dining room, utility room, downstairs w.c., study/office, living room, 3 good size bedrooms, en-suite shower room and family bathroom. Ideally positioned for schools and station. Sole agents.



£1,075,000 BISHOPS STORTFORD (Foxley Drive), Situated in a highly sought after location and well placed for schooling. Offered with immediate vacant possession and ready to move in to. Move in before Christmas. Bi-folding doors to rear, large modern open plan kitchen/family room, 4-5 bedrooms, 4 luxury bath/shower rooms, double garage, landscaped gardens and driveway. Sole agents.



£695,000 BISHOPS STORTFORD (Manor Links), Unique 4 bedroom bungalow with a large entertaining area, kitchen, utility room, dining room, living room, study/office, good size corner plot with a detached double garage and workshop. Highly sought after location. Sole agents.



£620,000 BISHOPS STORTFORD (Draymans Close), Ready to move in before Christmas. Detached 4 bedroom extended family home with a double garage and parking. Beautiful fitted kitchen leading into a large family room, separate lounge and dining room, downstairs w.c., luxury en-suite, family bathroom. Keys held for viewing. No chain. Sole agents.



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£695pcm SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Priors Court). Larger than average one bedroom third floor apartment in an ideal location just a short walk from BR station. Unfurnished, enjoys wood flooring throughout, a large lounge, kitchen with appliances, bathroom, double bedroom, plenty of storage. Communal gardens and allocated parking.



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£950pcm SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Lawrence Moorings). Newly decorated ground floor two bedroom apartment with fine river views, only a short walk from mainline station. Comprising two bedrooms, fitted kitchen, sitting/dining room, allocated parking, unfurnished and available immediately.



£950pcm (RIVERSIDE COURT) OLD HARLOW. A two bedroom ground floor unfurnished apartment with river views, just a short walk to mainline station. The property comprises two bedrooms, living/dining room, fitted kitchen, bathroom, allocated parking and visitors parking. Available immediately.



£1095pcm SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Bickerton Court). Recently constructed 2 bed 2 bath luxury apartment with high quality fittings. Short walk from station. Comprising 2 bedrooms with en suite to master and further bathroom, fitted kitchen and living room with dining area and balcony. Allocated Parking. Unfurnished. Available Now



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£1395pcm SAWBRIDGEWORTH (The Crest). A three bedroom extremely well presented family home only a short walk from the mainline station and town centre. The property comprises three bedrooms to first floor plus shower room, with a sitting room opening through to kitchen/diner to ground floor, garden to rear and casual parking to front. Unfurnished and available immediately.



£1695pcm HATFIELD BROAD OAK (Cage End). A recently renovated 3 bedroom mid-terrace unfurnished barn conversion, comprising open plan living downstairs with contemporary kitchen, exposed timbers, reception room and utility, 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms to the first floor and further bedroom to the top floor, courtyard to front. Available now.



£1495pcm SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Bickerton Court). 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 1200 sqft duplex apartment in a recently constructed development only a short walk to the station. Comprising huge lounge/dining room with balcony, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Parking to front, gas fired central heating and available December.



£1995pcm HIGH EASTER (The Street). Beautiful 4 bedroom period cottage, plus 1 bedroom detached annexe, in a popular village only a short drive from amenities. Entrance hall, sitting room, dining room/study, fitted kitchen, orangery, four bedrooms with en-suite shower to master, family bathroom. Set in 1.2 acres. Off road parking and single garage. Available January.



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Guardian are delighted to offer this one bedroom, first floor flat in Brockles Mead. This property benefits from gas heating, a balcony and is close to local shops and amenities. Available NOW! EPC - D

Brockles Mead £700 PCM



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King Mews £725 PCM



Large one bedroom ground floor apartment with open plan living area in Northbrooks, close to town centre and hospital. EPC - D

Northbrooks £725 PCM



Clean and tidy two bedroom flat with open plan kitchen and lounge, two bedrooms, bathroom, storage cupboard and balcony. Popular area. EPC - C

Moorfield £800 PCM



Guardian are delighted to offer for rent this lovely two bedroom maisonette close to the Staple Tye area of Harlow. This first/top floor property is offered with oven, fridge freezer and washing machine. Gas heating, double glazed windows, two large bedrooms and wooden floors. EPC C.

Five Acres £845 PCM



Great two bedroom apartment located just off Commonside Road. A few benefits of this property include gas heating, allocated parking, laminate flooring and modern kitchen. Available January. EPC B - economical to run!

Elm Court £865 PCM



Guardian are delighted to offer this 2/3 bedroom garden maisonette. The property is located in close proximity to shops and amenities and is available early February. An early internal viewing is advised.

Mercers £925 PCM



RECENTLY REDECORATED - Guardian are delighted to offer this three bedroom maisonette in Kingsland. This property benefits from newly fitted carpets, redecoration throughout, large rear garden and large living space throughout. AVAILABLE NOW. EPC - E.

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Guardian are delighted to offer this three bedroom terraced home in Pittmans Field. This property benefits from a rear garden, fitted kitchen and is offset, overlooking a green. Available mid January. EPC - D

Pittmans Field £1100 PCM



Guardian are delighted to offer this 3 bedroom terraced house in close proximity to shops and amenities. The property is located in close proximity to Bush Fair, and is a suitable property for a family to rent. Available January. EPC - D.

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Elwood £1200 PCM



Guardian are delighted to offer this three bedroom terraced home in Joyners Field. This property benefits from gas heating, a rear garden, close to shops and amenities as well as re-decoration throughout. This property is available early December. White goods included. EPC - C

Joyners Field £1200 PCM



Guardian Residential Lettings are very pleased to offer this great three bedroom family home with garage in the popular turning of Doulton Close, Church Langley. Comprising entrance hallway, downstairs WC, fitted kitchen, lounge to rear, three bedrooms with ensuite to master and family bathroom. EPC - D

Doulton Close £1275 PCM



Rarely available on the rental market, HUGE FOUR BEDROOM house in fantastic area. Property consists of entrance hallway, downstairs WC, double aspect lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom and four good sized bedrooms. Garage, driveway parking and rear garden of approximately 40 FT. EPC - E.

Greygoose Park £1400 PCM



YOUR HOME

With Bake Off finalist and builder Richard Burr

Safe and sound

A discreet safe to keep valuables protected isn't just something for the rich and famous to consider. Here's how to fit one at your home

Do you own things? Valuable things? Maybe a passport or two? A bit of cash? Some jewellery? Want to keep hold of them when you're not

home? Then this is the job for you. Wall safes are easy to install and with a picture over the front of them, they are nearly impossible to spot, too. This guide shows how to install a safe in a brick wall, though stud wall mounted safes are also available.

DO YOU HAVE A SUITABLE WALL?

If you have a house with a disused fireplace, that's the perfect place for a wall safe, as there will be a hollow

void behind the chimney breast.

If you don't have a chimney breast to use, there are all sorts of other safes – under-floorboard safes, ones to bolt to the wall, fitted into stud walls – but this guide is for your classic, 'picture on a hinge to reveal the safe underneath' safe (even if the USB stick inside just has back-ups of family photos, rather than the nuclear codes that James Bond is looking for).

WHICH SAFE SHOULD YOU CHOOSE?

There are so many different safes to choose from, including ones that are fire and water-resistant, though these are considerably more expensive.

Many safes are guaranteed up to a particular value of cash or goods too, which will be indicated when you buy

it. Safes will also indicate how many bricks need to be removed.

You can decide for yourself whether you want a key or a combination safe too. I prefer a key safe, as they're often used so rarely you (well, I) can forget the combination code.

I opted for the Burg Wachter Point Wall Safe (pictured right) from Safe.co.uk, which is just over £100.

MAKING THE HOLE

Mark roughly where the safe is going and chip off some plaster until you reach the brick surface behind it. Most wall safes are designed to fit standard brick sizes, so once you've found the dimensions of one brick, you can work out where your safe outline will be.

You then need to do a technique called 'stitch drilling'. Bricks are always laid in a formation known as a bond. Exactly how you build a Lego structure, this is where you lay a row (course) of bricks and then the course on top overlaps the joints. This is

called 'half bond' and it's the type of bricklaying you're most likely to come across.

To fit a three-brick safe, you'll need to remove a whole brick and the whole brick two courses below, but in between, you need to remove two half bricks. To do this you need an electric drill and a masonry bit for the 'stitch drilling'.

Set your drill to hammer setting and drill four vertical holes through the centres of the middle two bricks, along the line of the bricks above and below. Work hard to make sure you're drilling into these straight and level.

When you've drilled into both middle bricks, use a heavy hammer

There are many different safes to choose from says Richard

and a bolster to break the bricks in half along the line where you've drilled the holes.

Use your drill bit to buzz through the mortar joints on the top and bottom bricks, and you should be able to pull each of the bricks out.

FITTING THE SAFE

Place the safe in the hole and check its level using a spirit level – you may have to wedge a corner up with a some folded up card.

When you're fitting a safe into a wall, rather than drilling and screwing it into place, you can set it with ready-mixed concrete available cheaply from stores like B&Q, but avoid the quick-setting stuff.

Wedge your safe into the hole and sit it on two small wooden blocks or pieces of cardboard. Wedge the sides too, so there are small gaps all around the safe. Mix your concrete in the tub, but you'll need two things to apply it – a plastering hawk (or a square of wood if you don't want to get one of these) and a pointing trowel.

Dollop your concrete onto your hawk and chop it with your trowel. Gradually poke small amounts of the concrete into the cavity around your safe, using your trowel to smooth it down. Check with your spirit level that the safe and the cement are flush with the wall and leave it to set overnight.

FINISHING THE JOB

The main thing to remember when it comes to finishing off the job, is that you're probably going to cover the safe with a picture, so it doesn't need to be perfect underneath.

But where your plaster has been chipped away, fill this in with multi-purpose Polyfilla and when dry, paint this the same colour as your wall.

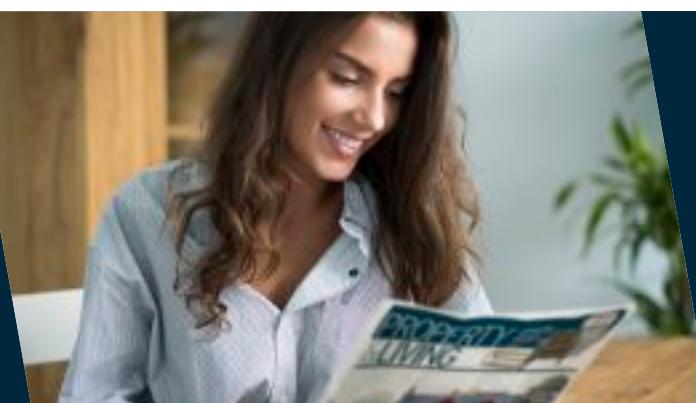
You can then hang a picture over the safe or even attach the picture to the wall with a hinge and a magnetic catch

for extra drama.

Now, forget I said any of this and don't go looking behind any of the pictures in my house,



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WHEELS

FIRST DRIVE: Mazda2 1.5 90ps Tech Edition by David Ward



AT A GLANCE

- **Model:** Mazda2 90PS Tech Edition
- **Price:** £14,995
- **Engine:** 1.5-litre 89bhp petrol four cylinder
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual gearbox
- **Performance:** 0 to 62mph 9.4 seconds, top speed 114mph
- **Fuel Consumption:** 62.3mpg combined
- **CO2:** 105g/km
- **Insurance Group:** 15E
- **BiK:** 20%
- **Warranty:** Three years/60,000 miles
- **On Sale:** Now

A SMALL CAR WITH A LOT TO OFFER

As competition continues to hot up in the supermini sector, car makers know they have too well that they have to offer the right package to buyers – whether private retail or company car drivers – to win sales.

Mazda clearly know a trick or two in this sphere when it comes to pushing sales of what it has to be said is a highly impressive Mazda2 hatchback anyway so bringing out what they call a Tech Edition of the car with the right package at the right price sounds sensible business.

Coming in at a realistic on-the-road price of £14,995 this five-door hatchback is loaded with a remarkable amount of standard kit yet with low insurance and a CO2 of just 105/g/km it will easily appeal to both private and business car users.

Powered by a reasonably refined and competent 1,496cc 89bhp petrol engine which should easily achieve around the 60mpg mark through a delightful to use five-speed manual gearbox it is responsive



enough when wanting to overtake along with sensible use of the gears.

The suspension is on the taut side but not too firm and it's a good handling car that takes road bumps and humps easily without being dislodged and from a driveability viewpoint

has come on leaps and bounds since the original appeared back in 2011.

This Tech Edition has plenty of safety aids on board such as anti-locking braking, traction control, parking sensors, cruise control and both front and side airbags for starters while

standard features include 16-inch alloy wheels, privacy glass, dusk sensing lights, rain sensing wipers amongst others.

The driver controls are obviously identical to the rest of the Mazda2 line-up with well positioned controls near to the steering wheel and in other

words keeping it all simple and straight-forward.

There's a seven-inch touch screen with its infotainment system that includes integrated sat nav (dead easy to use too compared to some rival supermini where you need an engineering degree to get to

grips with such systems), plus it has DAB radio and more.

Meanwhile the rest of the interior is again smart and practical, not over-hyped with features that are not wanted, and overall it's a fun car to drive although perhaps not as sporty as some other rivals.

It's all about value for money at the end of the day with this Tech Edition and here it scores high marks with an engine that gives a comfortable, satisfying performance – again a driver only looking for a real sporty style performance and nothing else will look elsewhere.

The seats now give more lumbar support and the rear seats will fit two adults in comfortably while luggage space is 280 litres that can be increased to 950 litres with those rear seats folded down.

The Tech Edition is a good package that gives the driver/owner a little bit more for their money and also with its 1.5-litre petrol engine an ideal combination for stop-start city motoring and longer, motorway runs.

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ROAD TEST: Kia Niro 1.6 GDi PHEV by Ian Donaldson

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he people who shape the lines of the cars we drive all agree on one thing – the bigger the wheels the better they look.

They may be right, and the owners of Audis and Jaguars in particular seem delighted to find the extra for a set of mega-sized alloys.

And then go in fear of kerbing them expensively on a crowded city street, of course.

Big wheels have long term consequences on other fronts too, notably on fuel economy.

Bigger means worse in this case as the wide tyres that make bigger wheels look so good need more power to push them along.

Which is why Kia offers smaller wheels on its hyper-economy Niro model, letting an owner downsize from chunky 18-inch alloys to humbler 16-inch versions, although sadly without charging a bit less for them.

Still, opt to go smaller and you'll still save money longer term as your Niro makes more economical use of its combined petrol engine and electric motor.

The official fuel consumption improves from 64.2mpg to a healthier 74.3mpg and tailpipe emissions fall from 101g/km to a greener 88g/km. That means lower road in the first year (£100 v £140) and a gentler business user tax rate of 17 per cent instead of 19 per cent.

The Niro presents the biggest savings to an owner prepared to plug the car into the

mains as often as possible, where a full charge gives up to 38 miles without using a drop of petrol.

Doing precisely that on three nights of my week-long and 545 mile evaluation meant an impressive 73mpg showing on the trip computer.

And yes, the car came with the optionally down-sized wheels.

You'll also probably help the economy by not treating your Niro like a Silverstone refugee. It might have a sports mode for the auto gearbox but its eagerness doesn't really suit the car.

A Niro buyer will be more impressed by the car's quietness when used with more reserve and enjoy the generous space for passengers and luggage in a well finished but dull looking interior.

The Niro comes in three stages of trim ('2', '3', and '4') with this car's mid-level goodies count lacking for little. Standard kit includes a fine sat nav system, leather upholstery, heated front seats and steering wheel (lovely on a chilly morning), powered driver's seat, parking sensors to supplement the reversing camera and upgraded JBL sound system.

It also comes as standard with the larger alloy wheels but you might quickly want to delete them on the order form.

Every Niro has cruise control, DAB radio, Bluetooth and Android Auto and Apple CarPlay to keep you thoroughly connected to the outside world.

They also all share a look that its maker hopes lends an air of rugged authority that attracts the name 'crossover' but looks to these eyes like a cross between an estate and sensible hatch. None the worse for that in a car bought for sensible reasons by sensible people.



WHEELS



AT A GLANCE

- **Model:** Kia Niro 1.6 GDI PHEV '3'
- **Price:** £25,135
- **Mechanical:** 139bhp, 1,580cc, 4cyl petrol engine and electric motor driving front wheels via 6-speed automatic gearbox
- **Max speed:** 101mph
- **0-62mph:** 11.5 seconds
- **Combined mpg:** 74.3
- **Insurance group:** 14
- **CO2 emissions:** 88g/km
- **BIK rating:** 17%
- **Warranty:** 7 years/100,000 miles



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WHEELS

ROAD TEST: Suzuki Ignis 1.2 SZ-T BY Ian Donaldson

IGNIS KEEPS IT LIGHT AND EASY

One of the most influential racing car designers ever said his aim at the drawing board was to 'add lightness'.

That philosophy helped the late Colin Chapman, founder of Lotus, produce a run of winning cars that still reverberates through the history of motor racing.

He proved that winning came from keeping things light – cars go faster, use less fuel and are nicer to drive if they're nimble.

Which brings us, in however unlikely a fashion, to today's test car. It would be hard to think of something less like a Lotus than Suzuki's little Ignis, but under the skin they share one defining characteristic – lightness.

A Bentley Bentayga is a massive and fast car and weighs more than 2.5 tonnes – or about three Suzukis on the scales.

You'll be lucky to see 20mpg in the Bentley. Driving the Ignis as though my trousers were on fire failed to drag the trip reading below 60mpg and even better was easily available with a little restraint.

The lightness of this pretend SUV translates into a car that feels livelier than you might expect from its unspectacular power output. There's a nimble way it reacts to steering input too, making the Ignis feel keen to please in the manner of an enthusiastic puppy.

This lack of kilos is likely to have big payback over long term ownership too with tyres and brakes lasting for ages because they have so little work to do.

The Ignis is a small family hatch disguised with hints of beefy off-roader, or what the trade calls a crossover. And car buyers can't get enough of this style at the moment,



witnessed by an avalanche of new models.

Building it a bit taller than normal means more room inside, especially in the back, where a six-footer can sit comfortably behind his twin brother. There can't be a more spacious car on the market that fills the modest

shadow cast by the Ignis.

All five versions of the Ignis, with prices from £10,499 for the SZ3, use the same 1.2-litre 89bhp petrol engine, although a couple are available with a modest boost from a small battery powered generator helping the car during acceleration.

Every Ignis gets air conditioning, DAB radio with Bluetooth and front electric windows. They won't sell many of those, with likely most popular Ignis the next grade up.

The SZ-T version adds rear view camera, alloy wheels, roof rails and plastic wheel

arch extensions and LED headlamps. It also has twin rear seats that can slide forward to boost boot room, or back to let the lanky of leg relax.

Early SZ-T models had a deeply frustrating satellite navigation system as standard – now you'll need a £199 SD card upgrade to be shown the way home, but it ought to work better.

The interior is at least as striking as the bodywork outside. It's obviously built down to a cost but attention to detail in matching surfaces and keeping panel gaps tight in these Japanese built machines is pleasingly obvious.

Yes, there's lots of hard plastic on show and the seats could wrap around you a bit more, but this is keenly priced car that's actually fun to drive and much more spacious than it looks. Not attributes to be lightly dismissed.

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WHEELS

ROAD TEST: Audi A5 Sportback Sport 2.0 TDI ultra S tronic by Lee Gibson



AT A GLANCE

- **Model:** Audi A5 Sportback Sport 2.0 TDI ultra S tronic
- **Price:** £35,795
- **Mechanical:** 190PS, 1,968cc diesel engine driving front wheels via 7-speed automatic transmission
- **Max speed:** 130mph
- **0-62mph:** 7.9 seconds
- **Combined mpg:** 68.9
- **Insurance group:** 28
- **CO2 emissions:** 106g/km
- **Bik rating:** 21%
- **Warranty:** 3 years/60,000 miles

A5 GETS MORE DYNAMIC

For many years the Audi A4 has been the epitome of an executive car – a template by which many of its rivals in the class are benchmarked.

Sometimes, though, buyers want something a little more alluring than a saloon sitting in their space in the company car park, which is where the A5 Sportback comes in.

Based on the same platform as the A4, it takes the more dynamic lines of the A5 Coupe and throws in an extra few inches and a couple of back doors – producing an attractive package with added space and practicality.

By Audi's often understated standards it is a handsome car, with a bold and muscular front end, sweeping fastback-style roofline and powerful looking raised haunches.

It comes in the brand's familiar SE, Sport and S Line trim levels as well as the performance-focused S5 guise with a range of

powerful but largely economical petrol and diesel engines.

The 190ps 2.0-litre diesel engine in this car was paired with a slick seven-speed automatic gearbox that is standard across much of the range – and it's a combination which provides smooth and refined progress.

Gear changes are timely and un-intrusive, with paddles on the steering wheel offering the driver the

chance to intervene if desired, while peak torque of 400Nm between 1,750 and 3,000 revs ensures plenty of mid-range punch.

Impressive fuel economy, with a claimed 68.9 miles per gallon on average for the environmentally-focused ultra variant, will also please business buyers.

Steering is accurate and well-weighted and, coupled with a supple but well-balanced suspension, makes

for some solid and assured handling.

Cornering is flat and there's plenty of grip, with all but the worst imperfections in the road surface being ironed out effectively, making for an enjoyable and relaxing driving experience – although not as overtly engaging as the coupe-like looks might suggest.

That's not a bad thing, however, as the more laid back GT-style character of

the A5 perfectly suits long-distance cruising, while also negotiating stop-start urban traffic without fuss.

Interior quality is what you'd expect from Audi. Plush soft-touch materials give the cabin a luxurious look and feel, and there are plenty of storage cubbies for passengers' personal belongings.

Its extra length also means there is good legroom in the rear of the Sportback and headroom is not as compromised as you might expect, despite that swooping roofline.

It is worth pointing out, though, that a large transmission tunnel and narrow middle seat in the back mean that this car is probably best regarded as a four seater when carrying adults – although three kids will probably manage on shorter journeys.

The boot, at 480 litres, also offers plenty of usable space, with access made easier by the hatchback-style powered tailgate, while the 40/20/40 split folding rear seats offer

versatile extra load capacity.

Standard equipment and technology is generous across the range and includes xenon headlights, four-mode drive select system, multi-media interface with seven-inch colour screen, smartphone connectivity, three-zone climate control and twin leather upholstery.

Stepping up to the mid-range Sport trim of my car adds some exterior styling enhancements, satnav and electrically adjustable front sport seats with electric lumbar support.

Annoyingly, Audi still insists on keeping some niceties, found as standard on much cheaper cars, for the options list.

A rear view camera, for instance, will set you back an extra £450.

Other prestige brands are guilty of this too, however, and if you're prepared to pay the premium over A4 prices for its athletic looks then the A5 Sportback is undoubtedly a smooth and stylish executive mover.



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ROAD TEST: Peugeot 3008 Allure BlueHDi 120 by Mike Torpey

AT A GLANCE

Model: Peugeot 3008 Allure BlueHDi 120
Price: £26,845
Mechanical: 120bhp, 1,560cc 4-cyl diesel engine driving front wheels via six-speed auto transmission
Max speed: 115mph
0-62mph: 11.6 seconds
Combined mpg: 64.2
Insurance group: 16
CO₂ emissions: 108g/km
BiK rating: 23%

Warranty: 3yrs/99,999 miles



WORTHY OF THE AWARDS

The new generation Peugeot 3008 received more than just the key of the door when it scooped the 2017 Car of the Year title this spring.

That award, announced at the Geneva Motor Show, was the 21st individual honour to be lavished on the SUV in a matter of two months.

But then Peugeot makes no bones about it, the 3008 is the most advanced vehicle ever to be offered by the French brand – it's the crossover model that's well and truly crossed over.

Technology, space and dynamics are just three of the elements that contribute to the latest Pug's compelling appeal and, at the price at least, it is the most enjoyable car I have driven in some time.

Take the 3008's cabin for instance. Top tech is at the driver's fingertips courtesy of Peugeot's i-Cockpit concept with its virtual instrument panel.

You get an appreciably smaller steering wheel than in most SUVs and not only does it ensure a clear view of the multi mode display but it is also nicely balanced.

At the centre of the dash is an eight-inch touchscreen

positioned above a line of toggle switches and the centre console is home to the electronic parking brake and a small, neat gear shifter.

Best of all is the feeling of quality that pervades the whole interior – it's unusual for a car costing from below £22,000 to achieve such

indulgence.

And that includes 'sensory fragrance' diffusion in Cosmic Leather, Aerodrive and Harmony Wood aromas plus ambient lighting.

As for space, the SUV is longer than the 3008 crossover model it has replaced and also offers a greater ground clearance

while from a family perspective there are three Isofix child seat fittings, including one in the front, a spare wheel and a cavernous amount of luggage space.

Cargo capacity ranges from 591 to 1,670 litres, there's a low load lip and an extendable boot floor which can slide out to double up as

a seat.

The 3008 model line-up stretches to 17 variants costing from £21,795 to £32,995 and the engine range includes the award winning 1.2-litre PureTech three cylinder turbo petrol unit as well as the tested 1.6-litre BlueHDi diesel.

The latter, a strong and economic unit, works well in the 3008 and over 350 miles of mixed town, country and motorway driving it averaged 58 miles per gallon – not bad given that the official Combined fuel return figure is 64.2mpg.

In Allure specification, which is the second of the

four 3008 trim grades, you get the likes of a TomTom Live sat nav, ambient lighting, a 180 degree colour reversing camera, parking sensors, tinted rear windows, safety features like lane departure and blind spot alerts plus a fabric panel finish along the dashboard.

You have to pay extra for full LED headlamps (£850), advanced grip control (£470) and a Black Diamond Roof (£280) but it still keeps the cost competitive.

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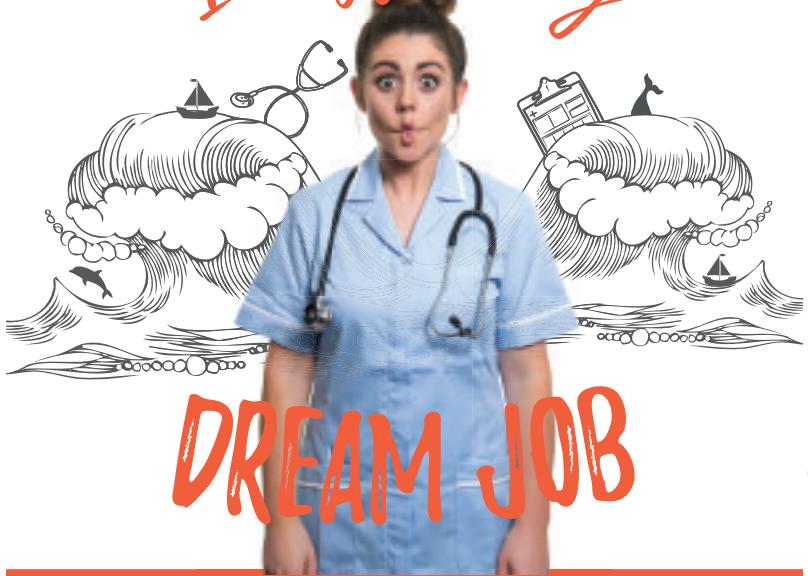
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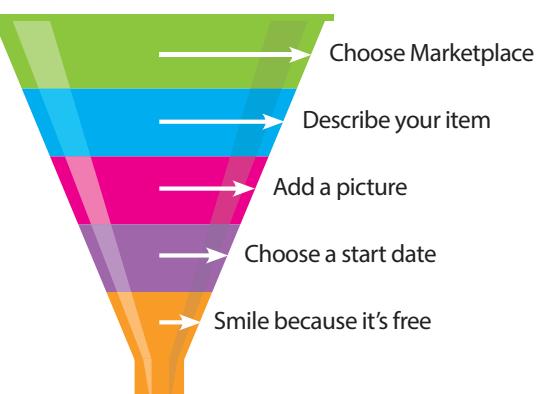
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Owners or occupiers of land (including Buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been received by Harlow District Council. These applications and others received can be inspected online at www.harlow.gov.uk or at Harlow Council Planning Services, Civic Centre, The Water Gardens, Harlow, Essex CM20 1WG on Monday-Friday, 9am-4.45pm. If you are unable to view the plans during these times, please telephone Planning Services on 01279 446856 where a suitable appointment can be made with the relevant case officer.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications should write to the Council at the above address within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Application No: HW/FUL/17/00525 Ward: Old Harlow

Full Application 42 High Street, Harlow, Essex CM17 0DW

Change of use from existing ground floor retail Class A1 (former newsagent) to food and drink use Class A3.

Conservation Area HW/FUL/17/00434 Ward: Bush Fair

Full Application 4 Highfield, Harlow, Essex CM18 6HE

Erection of one-bedroom bungalow. Local Public Interest HW/FUL/17/00523 Ward: Old Harlow

Full Application 1 Chantry Gardens, Harlow, Essex CM17 0FG

Installation of two barn doors to cart lodge to create secure garaging.

Conservation Area and Affects Setting of a Listed Building

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Essex County Council

(Various Roads Newhall Estate, Harlow) (20MPH Zone) (Part 2) Order 2017

Notice is hereby given that Essex County Council has made the above Order under Sections 84(1) (a) and (2) and Parts III and IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The effect of the Order: To introduce a 20mph Zone on the following length of roads Newhall Estate in the District of Harlow:

Road	Description
Barnsley Wood Rise	From its junction with Sparrowhawk Way for its entire length
Beaker Mews	From its junction with Findings Lane for its entire length
Bittern Lane	Following on from Goldcrest Way for its entire length
Blackcap Drive	From its junction with Barnsley Wood Rise for its entire length
Bullfinch Road	From its junction with Crossbill Way for its entire length
Bunting Street	From its junction with Roundhouse Way for its entire length
Crossbill Way	From both junctions with Goldcrest Way for its entire length
Currently unnamed road labelled Road 08	From its junction with Rosefield Lane for its entire length
Currently unnamed road labelled Road 15	From its junction with Perry Lane for its entire length
Currently unnamed road labelled Road XX	From its junction with Woodland Way for its entire length
Currently unnamed road labelled Road YY	From its junction with The Chase for its entire length
Currently unnamed road labelled Road VV	From its junction with Roundhouse Way for its entire length
Currently unnamed road labelled Road WW	From its junction with Roundhouse Way for its entire length
Currently unnamed road labelled Road ZZ	From its junction with Bunting Street for its entire length
Findings Lane	From its junction with High Chase for its entire length
Forebay Lane	From its junction with High Chase for its entire length
Goldcrest Way	From its junction with Sparrowhawk Way for its entire length
Greenfinch Way	From its junction with Crossbill Way for its entire length
Headland Street	From its junction with Roundhouse Way for its entire length
High Chase	From its junction with Woodland Way and Roundhouse Way for its entire length
Kinglet Lane	From its junction with Magpie Road for its entire length
Magpie Road	From its junction with Crossbill Way for its entire length
Nuthatch Drive	From its junction with Robin Lane and Greenfinch Way for its entire length
Perry Lane	From its junction with High Chase for its entire length
Redwing Way	From its junction with off Goldcrest Way for its entire length
Robin Lane	From its junction with Sparrowhawk Way for its entire length
Roman Mews	From its junction with Forebay Lane for its entire length
Rosefield Lane	From its junction with Headland Street for its entire length
Roundhouse Way	Following on from Woodland Way, High Chase and The Chase at cross junction for its entire length
Saxon Lane	From its junction with High Chase for its entire length
Siskin Drive	From its junction with Starling Road for its entire length
Sparrowhawk Way	From its junction with The Chase for its entire length
Spring Street	From its junction with High Chase for its entire length
Starling Road	From its junction with Crossbill Way for its entire length
The Crescent	From its junction with Roundhouse Way for its entire length
Thistle Meade Lane	From its junction with High Chase for its entire length
Woodland Way	From its junction with Findings Lane for its entire length
Woodpecker Lane	From its junction with Barnsley Wood Rise for its entire length

The signs for the 20MPH Zone created in 'The Essex County Council (Various roads Newhall Estate, Harlow) (20MPH Zone) Order 2013' will also be erected on the following roads Alba Road, Albertine Street, Alexandra Road, Alis Mews, Basil Mews, Braggowens Ley, Brickcroft Hoppit, Canopy Lane, Clay Lane, Crossway, Flint Lane, Great Auger Street, Green Street, Harrowband Road, Holland Way, Honor Street, Langdale Street, Maypole Street, Milestone Road, Moss Lane, New Pond Street, Petal Lane, Pitchway, Ramblers Lane, Reginald Mews, Simplicity Lane, Soper Square, Square Street, St Nicholas Green, Tatton Street, The Chase.

The Essex County Council (Various roads Newhall Estate, Harlow) (20MPH Zone) Order 2013 is hereby revoked but the 20MPH Zone restrictions will remain in force by virtue of this order.

Date of operation: The Order will come into operation on **8 December 2017**.

Further details: A copy of the Order and plans may be examined during normal office hours at County Hall, Chelmsford CM1 1LX.

Application to the high court: Anyone who wishes to question the validity of the Order of any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act, or any instrument made under it, has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may within six weeks from the date of the making of the Order apply to the High Court for this purpose.

Essex County Council, Network Assurance, A2 Annex, Seax House, Victoria Road South, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1QH

Telephone: 0345 603 7631

Website: www.essex.gov.uk/highways

(Sedge Green, Nazeing)

(Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2017

Notice is hereby given that the Essex County Council intends, not less than seven days from the date of this notice, to make the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Effect of the order: To temporarily close that length of Sedge Green, Nazeing in the District of Epping Forest, from a point approximately 100m east of its junction with Nursery Road for a distance of approximately 90m in an easterly direction. The closure is scheduled to commence on 16th January 2018 for 5 nights (works to take place between 21:00 and 05:00), or where stated on a valid permit

(EC30034777698 – UK Power Networks). The scheduled dates may vary for these works with appropriate signs showing and/or displayed on www.roadworks.org. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while electrical connection works are undertaken by UK Power Networks.

An alternative route is available via Nazeing Road, Nazeing New Road, New Nazeing Road, Station Road, High Road, High Street, Charlton Way, Conduit Lane, Dinant Link Road, Essex Road, Dobbs Weir Road, Sedge Green and vice versa.

The Order will come into effect on 7th December 2017 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

(Greenman Road, Magdalen Laver)

(Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2017

Notice is hereby given that the Essex County Council has made the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Effect of the order: To temporarily close that length of Greenman Road, Magdalen Laver in the District of Epping Forest, from a point approximately 300m southeast of its junction with Tilegate Road for a distance of approximately 218m in a southeasterly direction. The closure is scheduled to commence on 4th December 2017 for 5 days, or where stated on a valid permit (KA010GCN002218 – Gigaclear Limited). The scheduled dates may vary for these works with appropriate signs showing and/or displayed on www.roadworks.org. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while the installation of fibre optic works are undertaken by Gigaclear Limited.

An alternative route is available via Weald Bridge Road, Vicarage Road, Talbot Roundabout, Canes Lane Diversion, Canes Lane Roundabout, Canes Lane and vice versa.

The Order will come into effect on 30th November 2017 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

(Jerounds, Harlow)

(Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2017

Notice is hereby given that the Essex County Council has made the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Effect of the order: To temporarily close that length of Jerounds, Harlow in the District of Harlow, from a point approximately 85m east from its junction with Three Horseshoes Road, for a distance of approximately 113m in a southerly direction. The closure is scheduled to commence on 8th January 2018 for 26 days, or where stated on a valid permit (AZ0081000630874 – Cadent). The scheduled dates may vary for these works with appropriate signs showing and/or displayed on www.roadworks.org. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while gas connections works are undertaken by Cadent.

An alternative route is available via Pyrenest Road, Kingsmoor Road, Three Horseshoes Road and vice versa.

The Order will come into effect on 14th December 2017 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

(Church Lane, Sheering)

(Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2017

Notice is hereby given that the Essex County Council has made the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Effect of the order: To temporarily close that length of Church Lane, Sheering in the District of Epping Forest, from its junction with The Street to its junction with High Lane, a distance of approximately 1200m. The closure is scheduled to commence on 11th December 2017 for 5 days, or where stated on a valid permit (MX043215ND272/01 – Affinity Water). The scheduled dates may vary for these works with appropriate signs showing and/or displayed on www.roadworks.org. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while water main connection works are undertaken by Affinity Water.

An alternative route is available via The Street, Sheering Road, Harlow Road, Gilden Way, Gilden Way Spur, Moor Hall Road, Matching Road, Matching Green Road, Church Lane, Collins Cross Road and vice versa.

The Order came into effect on 23rd November 2017 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

(Various Roads, Harlow District)

(Temporary Prohibition of Traffic & Clearway) (No.9)

Order 2017

Notice is hereby given that the Essex County Council intends, not less than seven days from the date of this notice to make the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Effect of the order:

1. To temporarily close the various lengths of road in the District of Harlow as specified in Schedule 1.
2. A temporary 'No Stopping' restriction will be introduced on both sides of carriageway on the above lengths of roads for the duration of the closure to facilitate the works. Signs will be installed indicating when the No Stopping restriction will be in force.

"The District of Harlow (On Street) (Waiting, Loading and Parking) (Consolidation) Order 2011" will be temporarily amended to include the temporary 'No Stopping at Any Time' restriction and suspend any existing parking and waiting restrictions on the above lengths of roads only. All other restrictions and exemptions contained in the aforementioned Order and Amendments to that Order shall remain in force.

The works being undertaken will take place within an 18-month period from 7th December 2017, exact dates will be specified on <http://roadworks.org/>. The roads will be closed to facilitate each phase and then re-opened to the public. Access will be maintained for emergency services. Diversion routes will be signed at each location and residents will be informed of the dates of each phase via letter/leaflet drop and advanced warning signs on the road.

For all enquiries please contact our Contact Centre on 0345 603 7631.

The Order will come into effect on 7th December 2017 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Schedule 1

Road	Parish	Extents	Diversion
Church End	Harlow	From its junction with Brookside to a point approximately 196m North	No diversion for this closure
Church End	Harlow	From its junction with Brookside for a total distance of approximately 328m	No diversion for this closure
Mercers	Harlow	From its junction with Brookside to a point approximately 165m North/East	No diversion for this closure

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